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FIG. 1

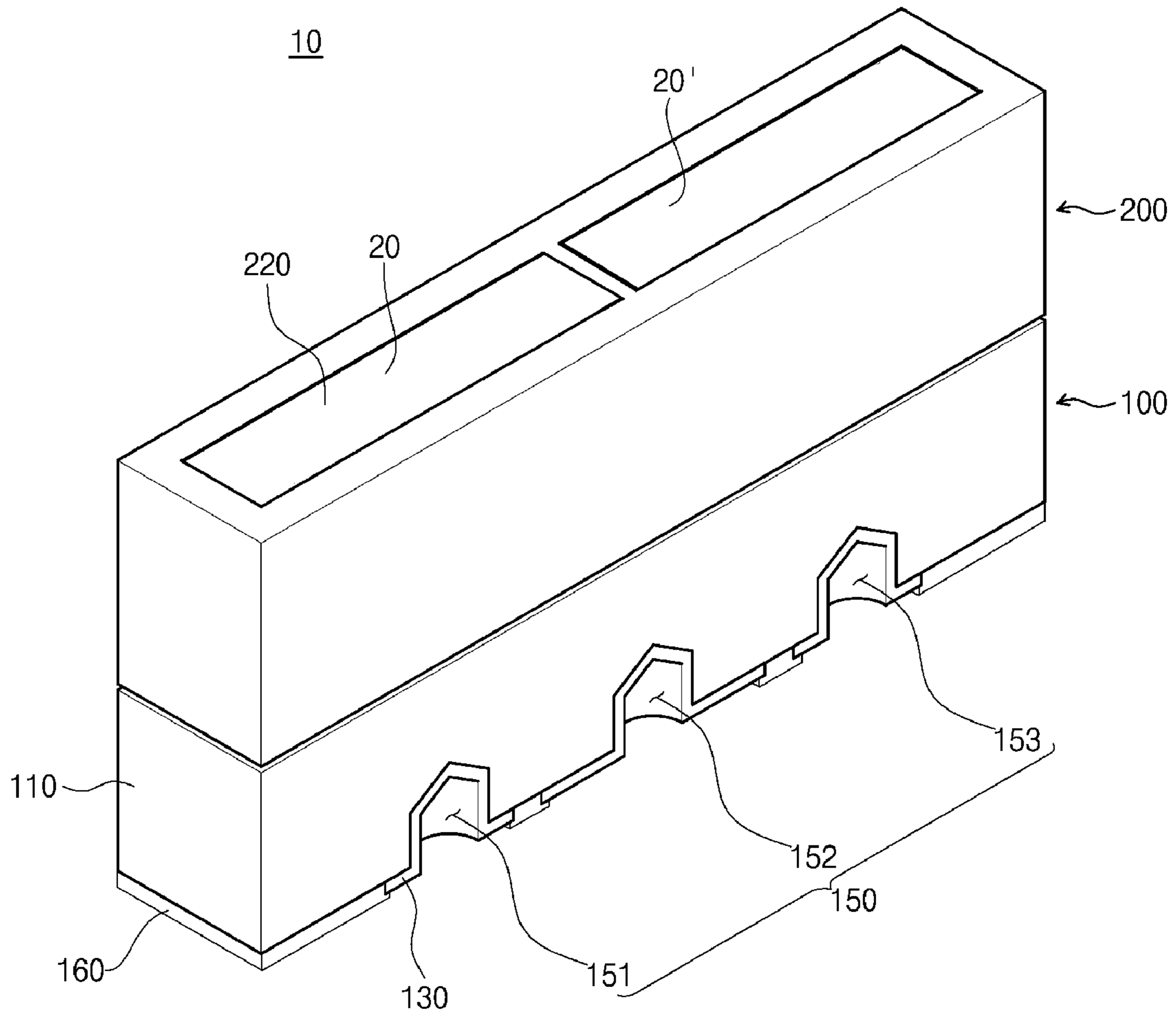






FIG. 2C

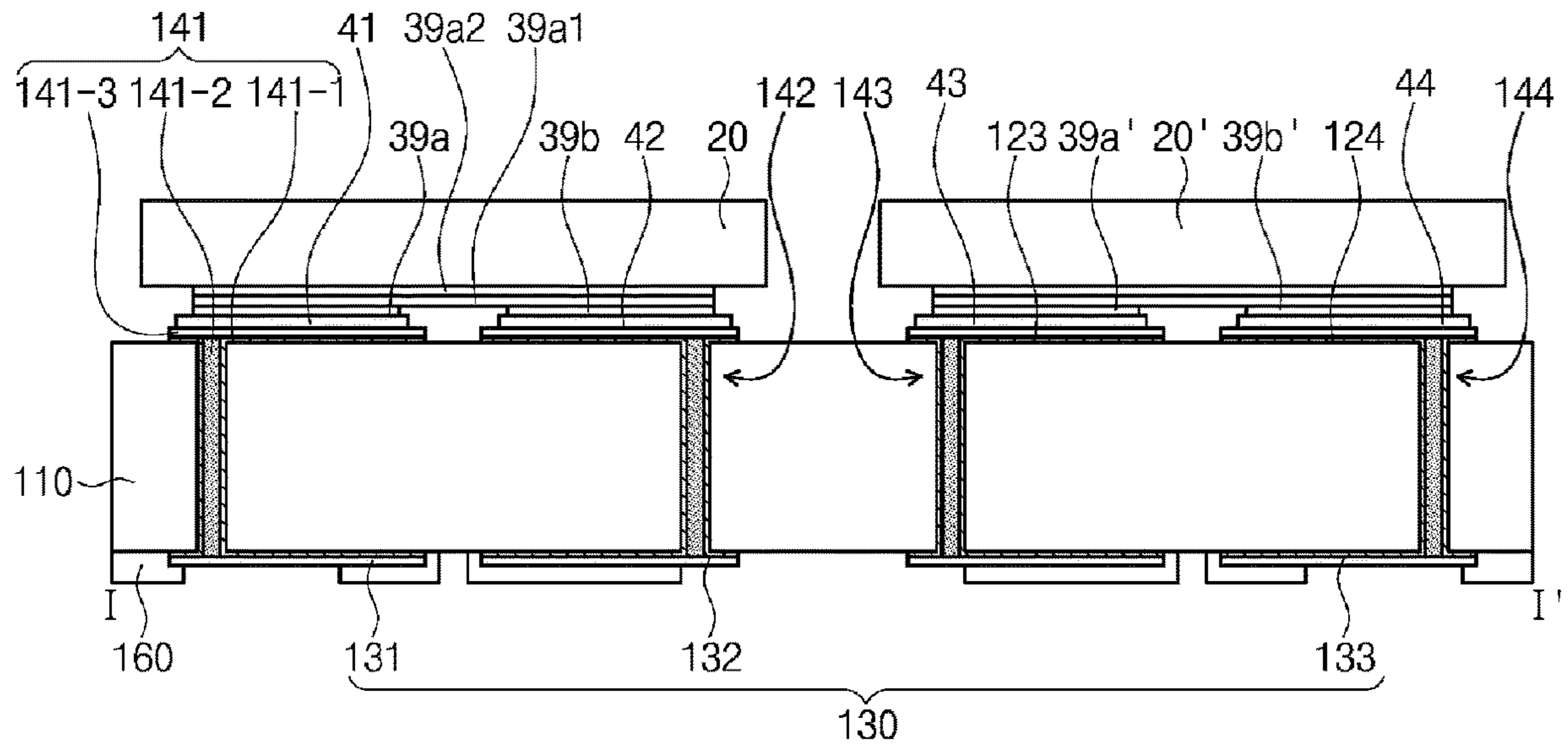


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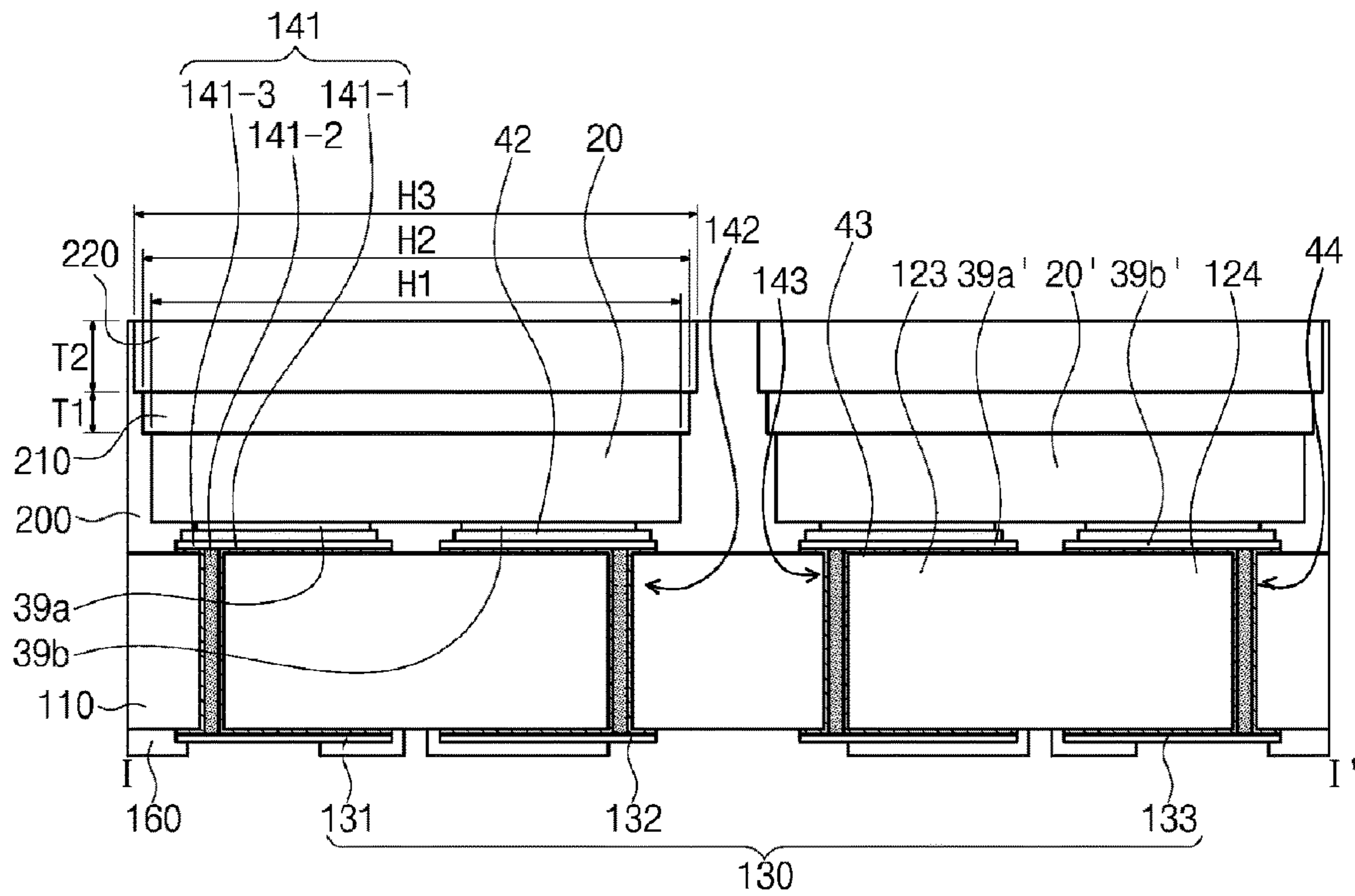


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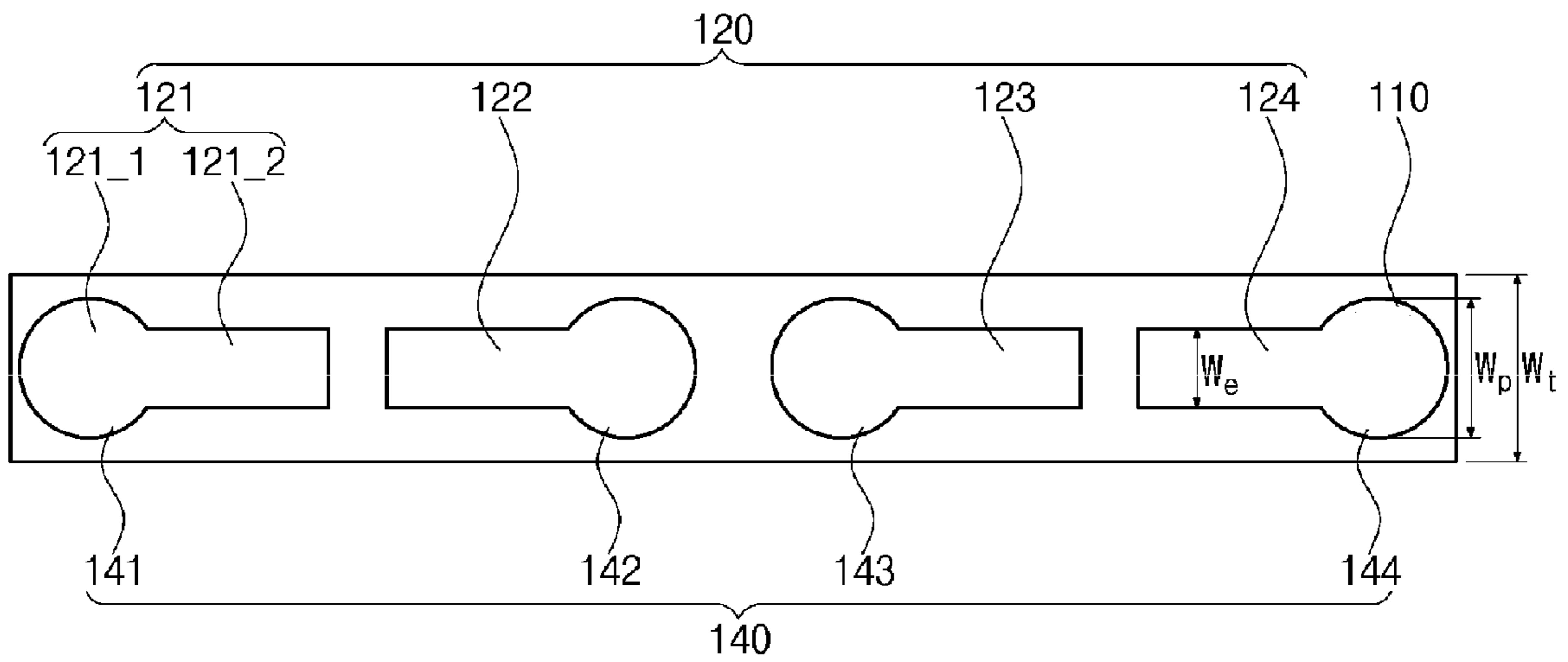


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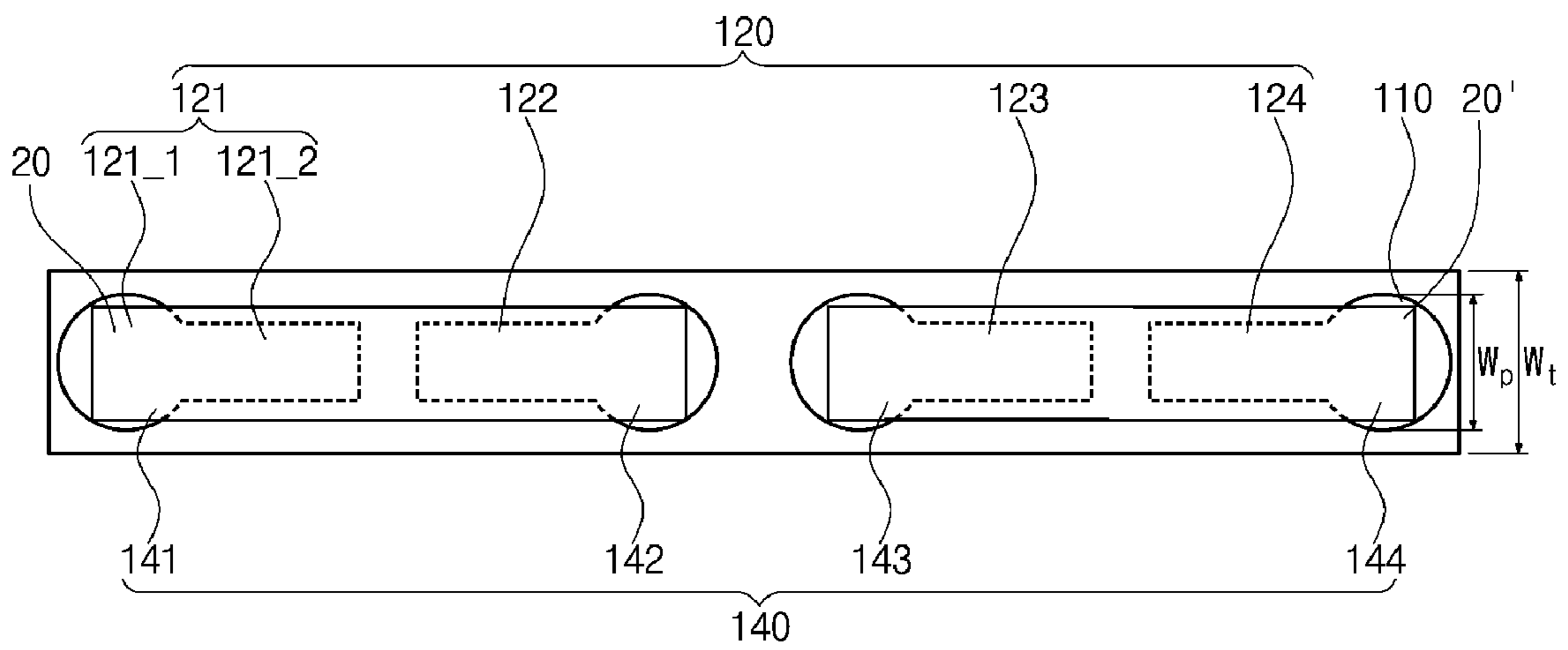


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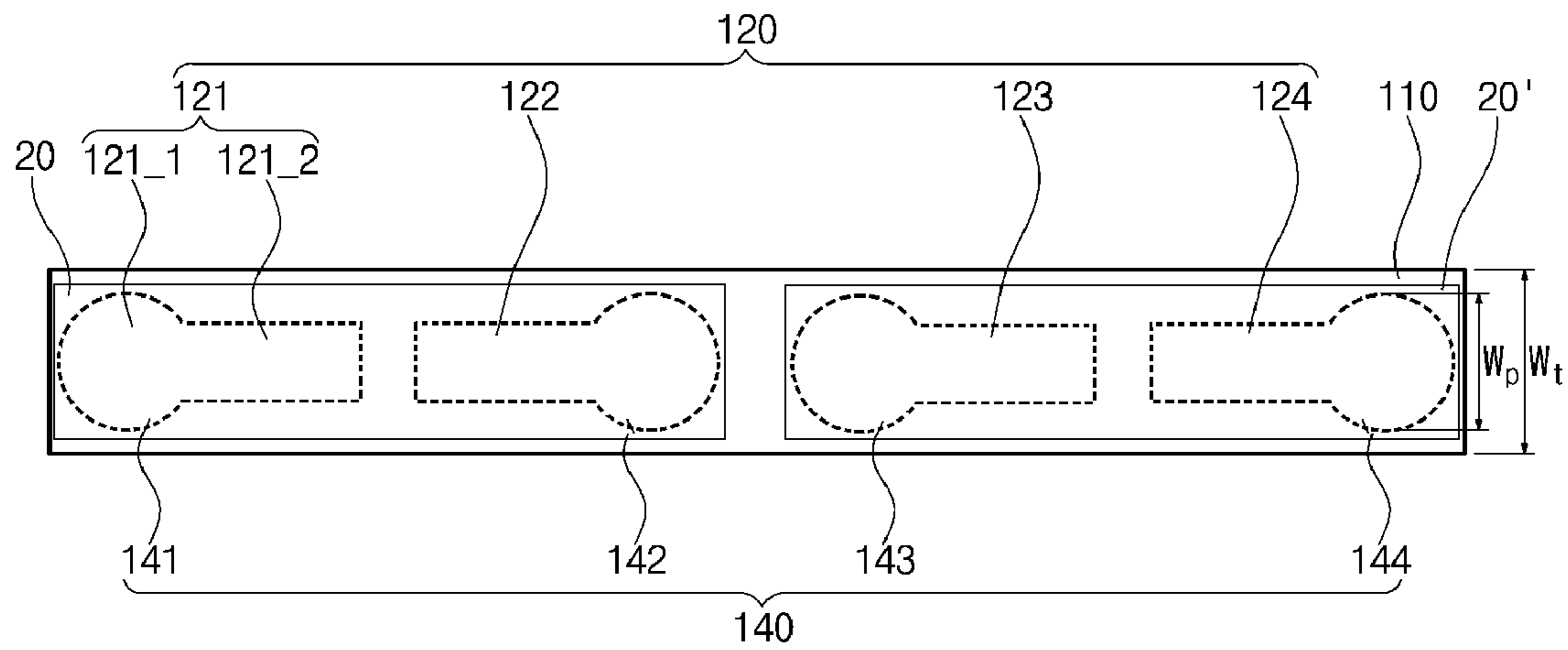


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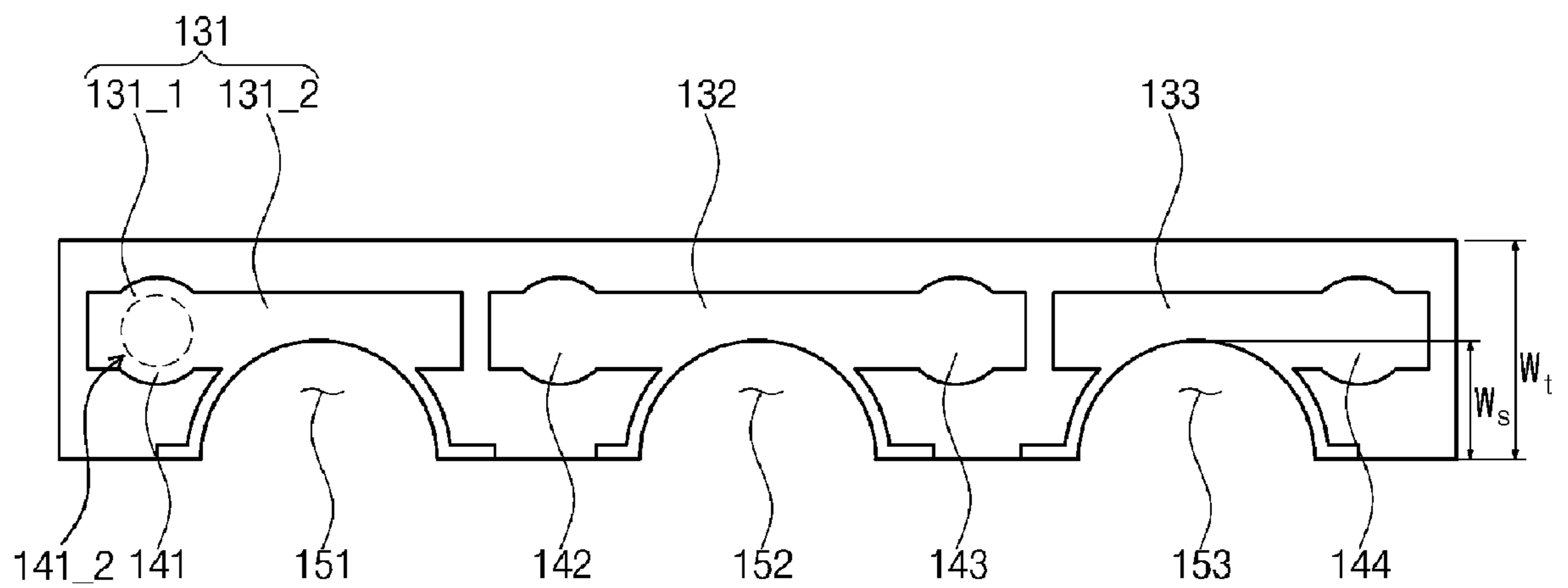


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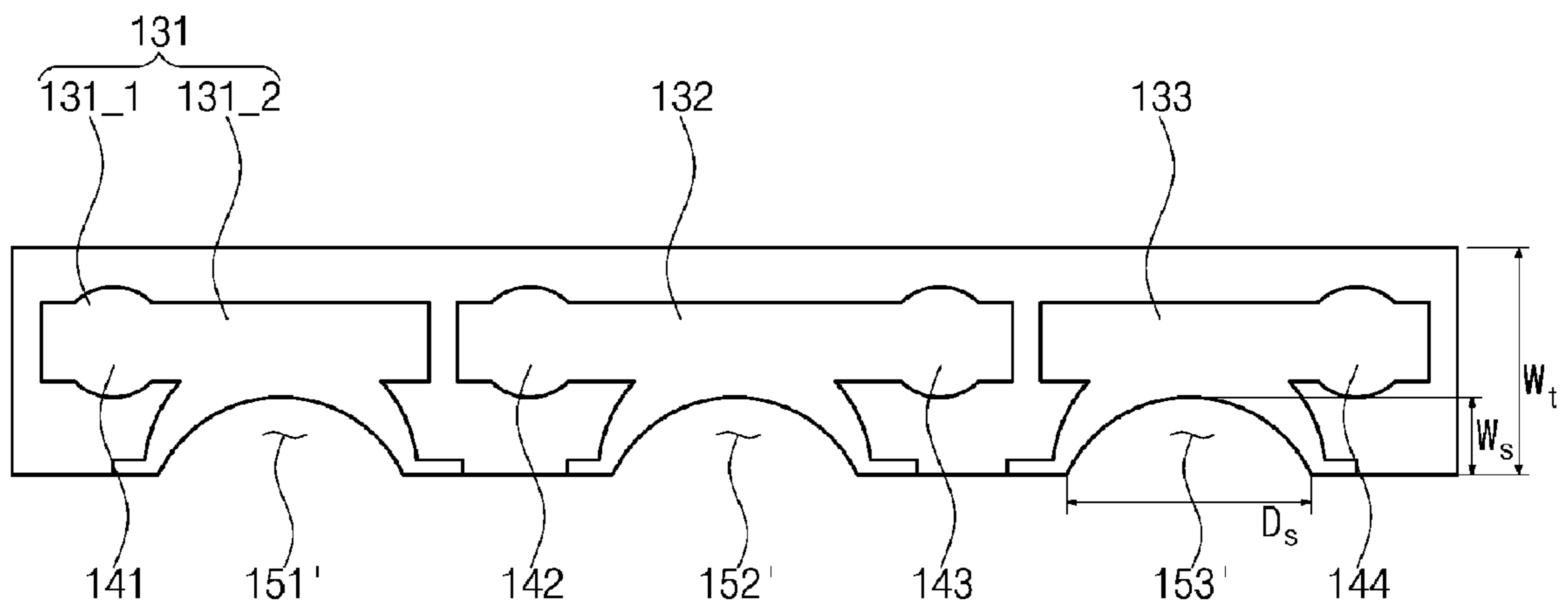




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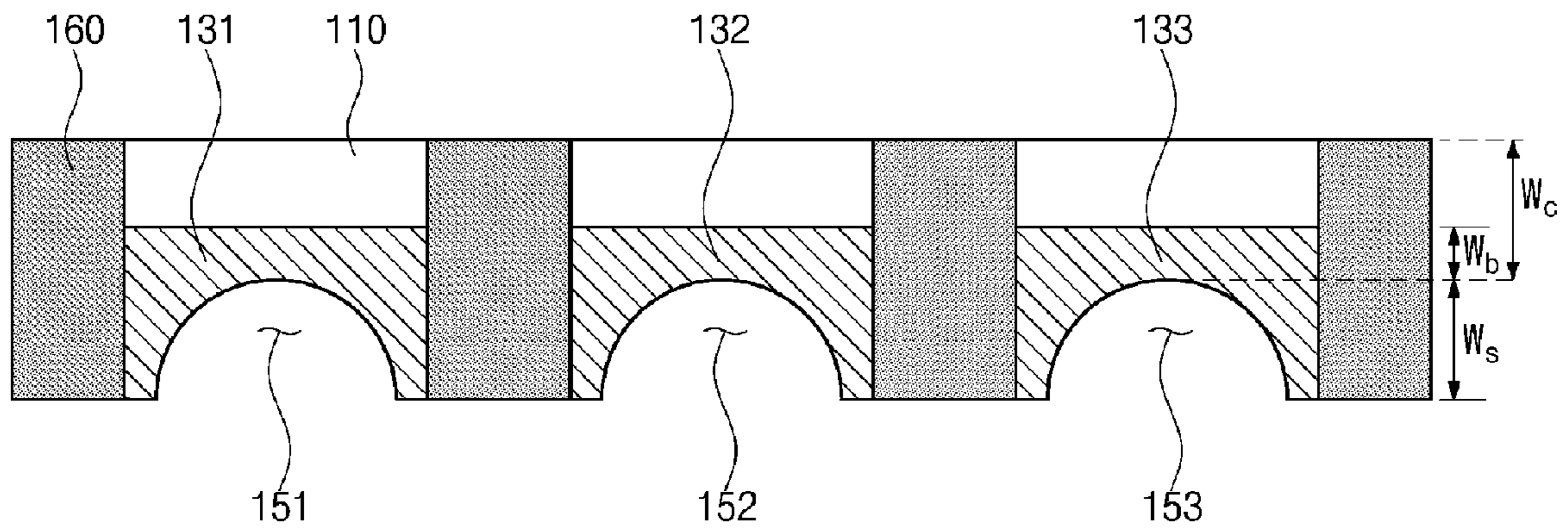


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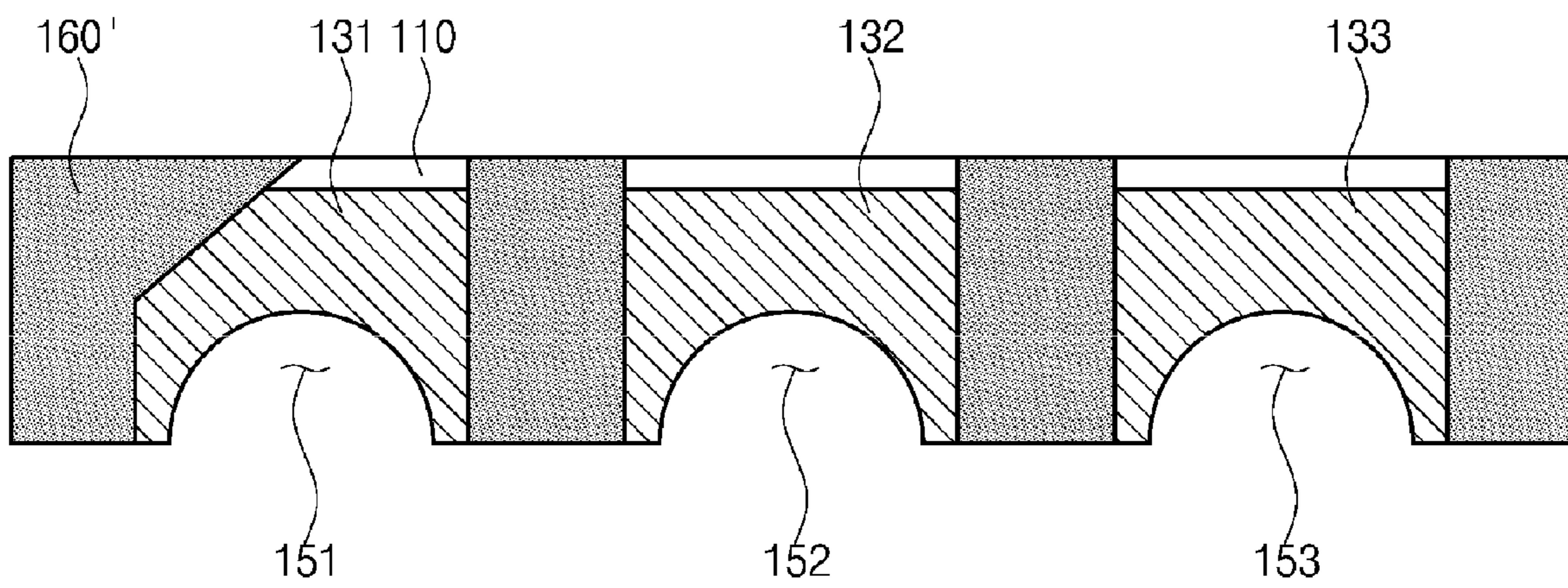


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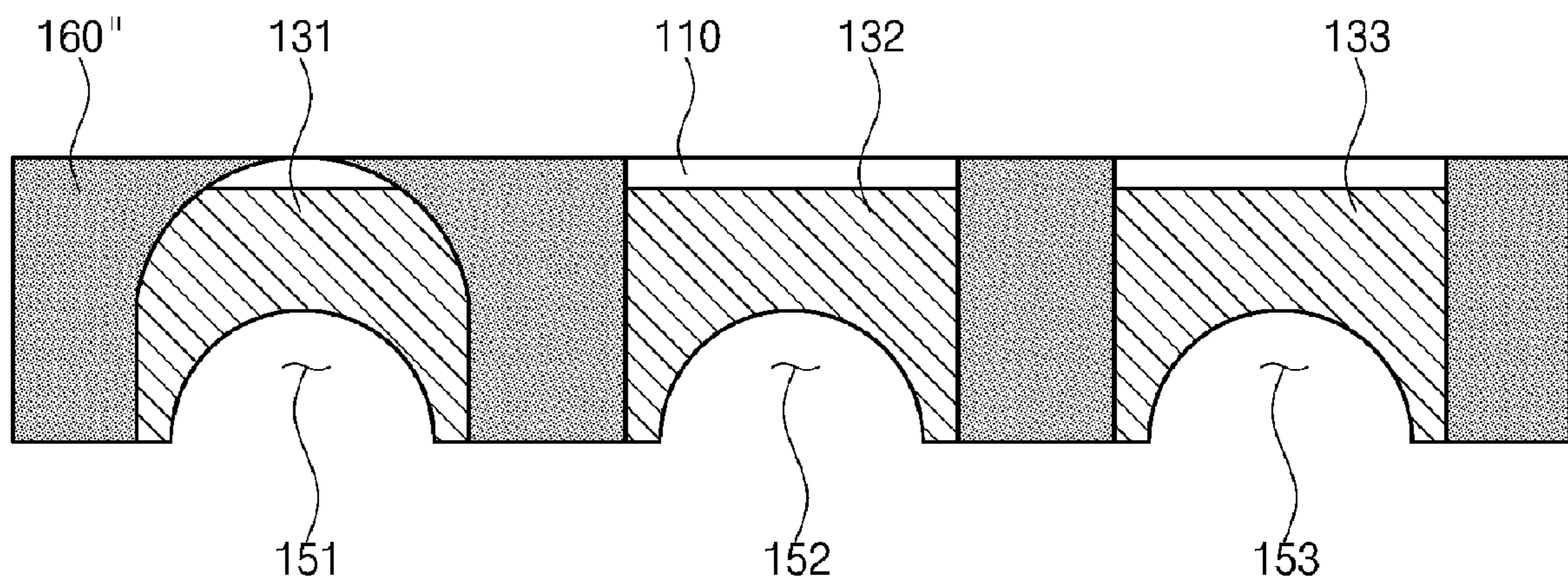




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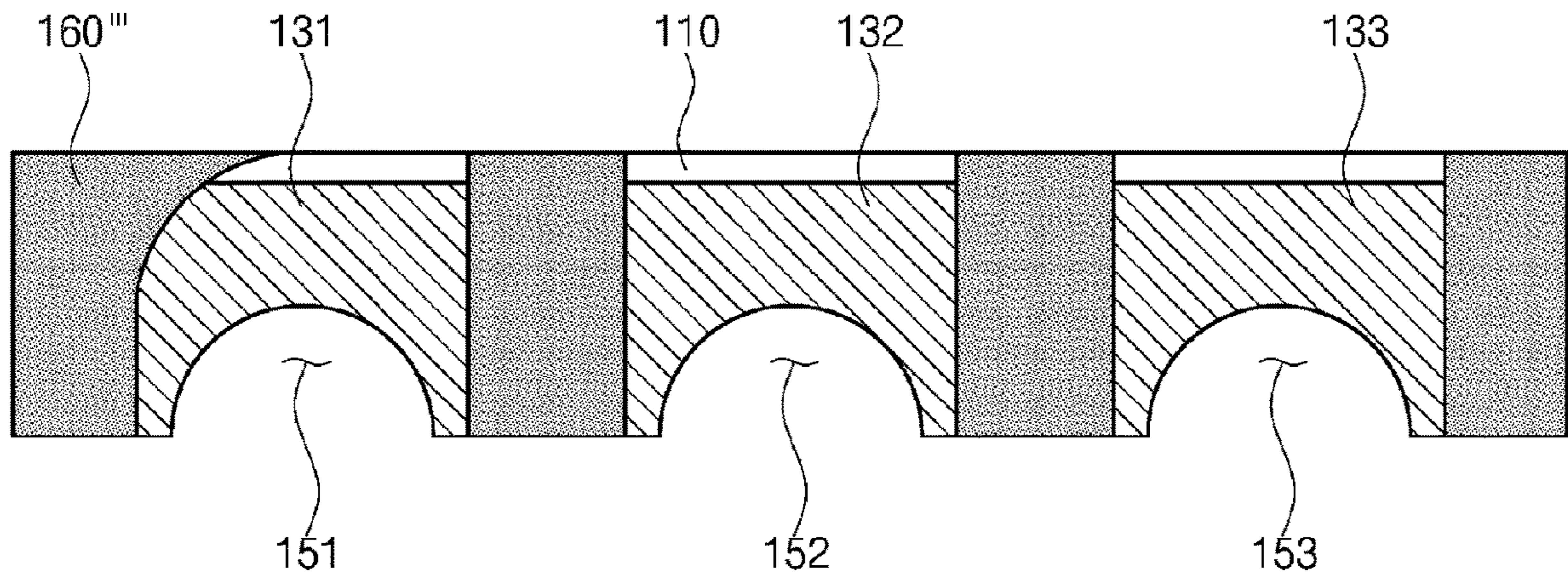


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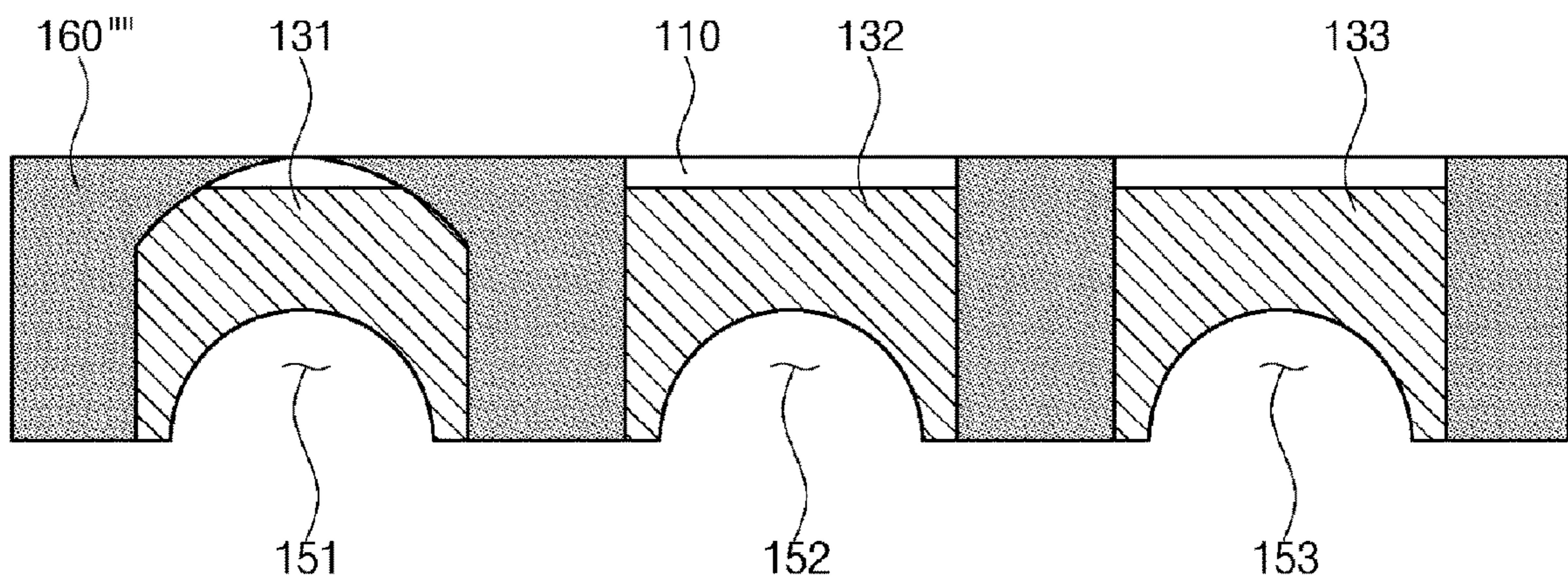


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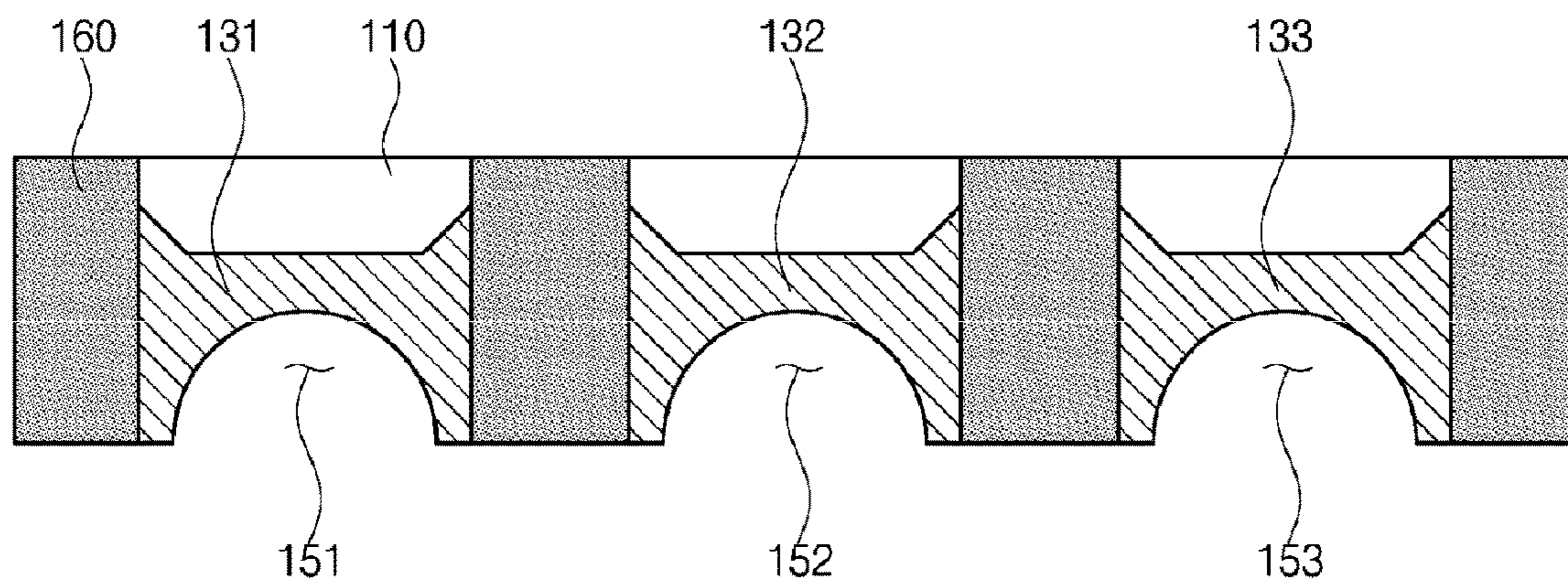




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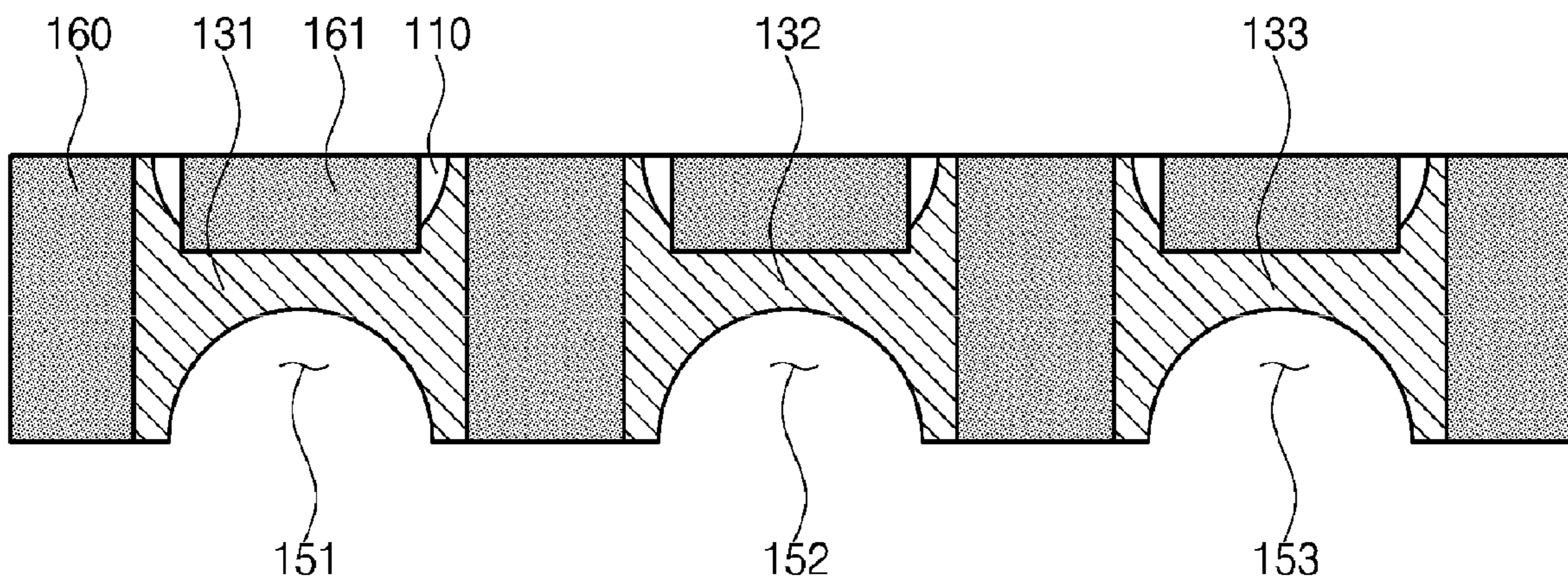


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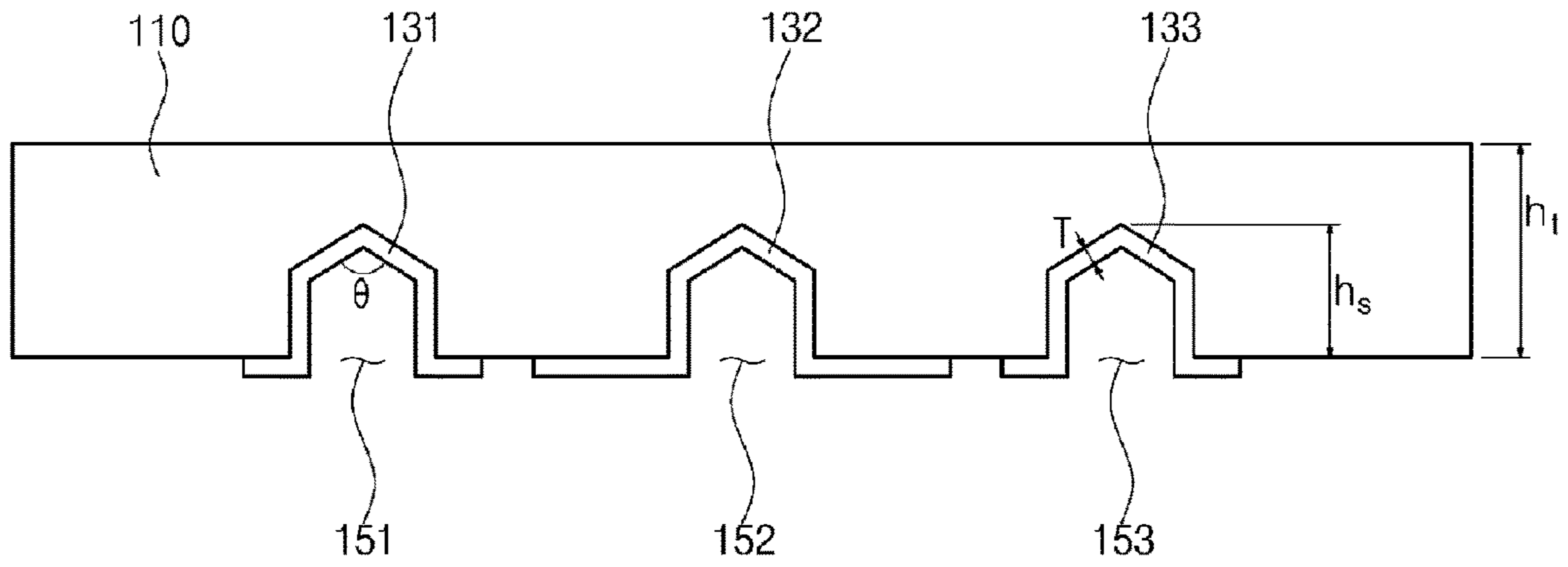


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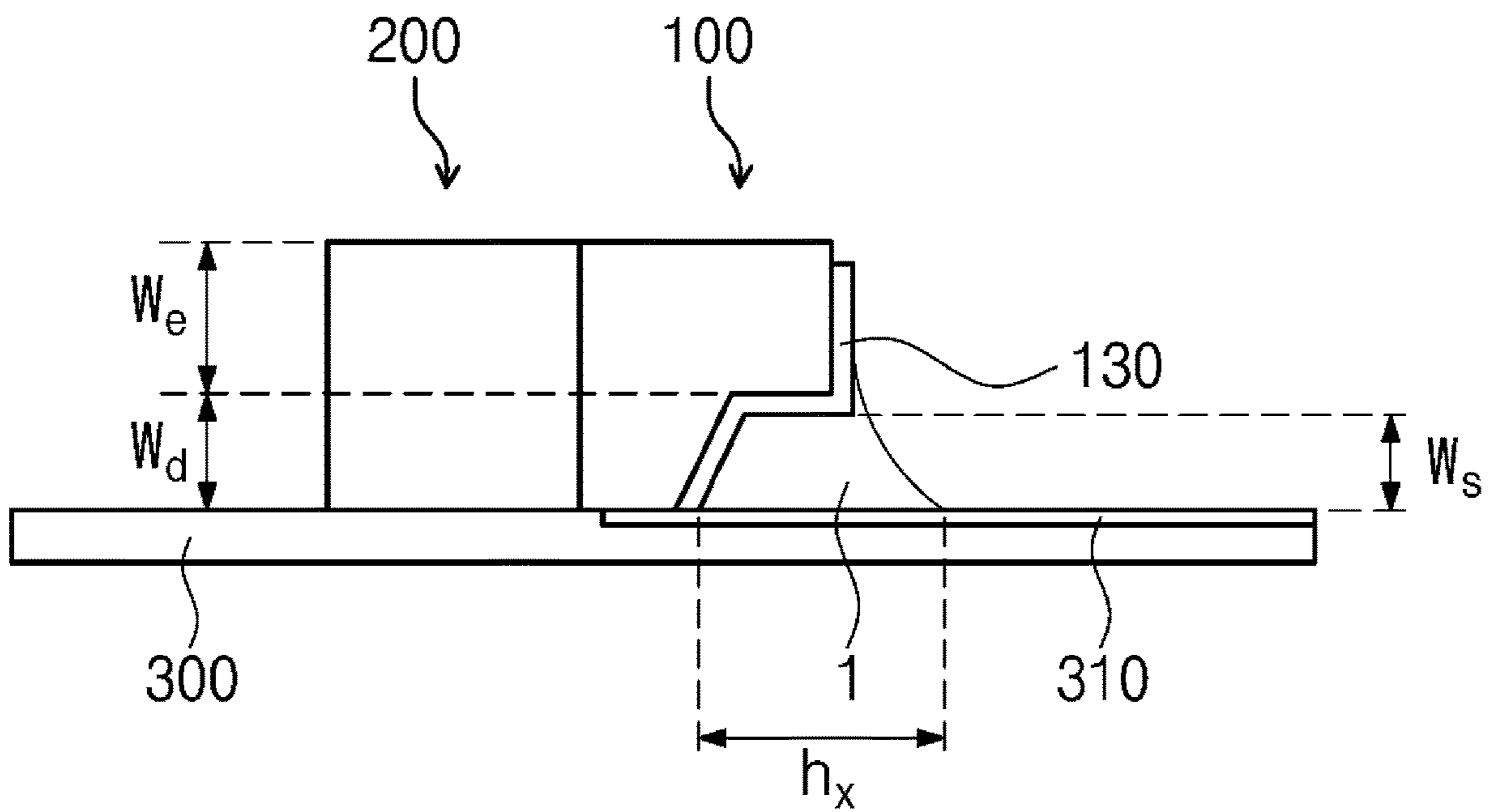


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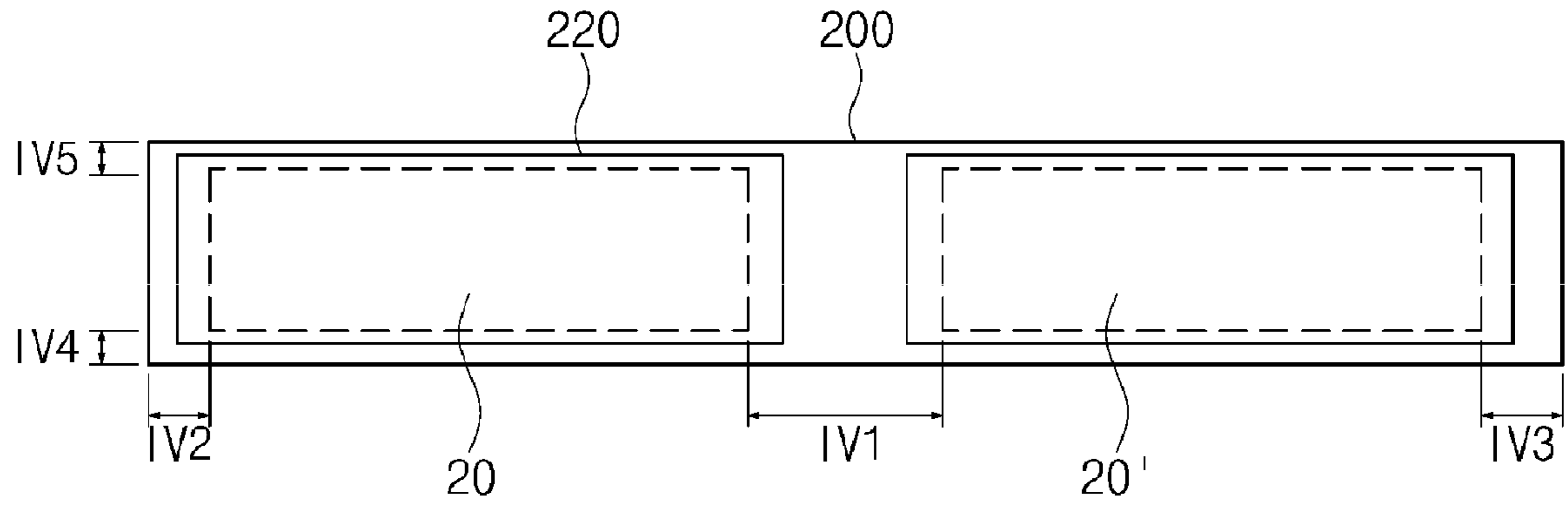
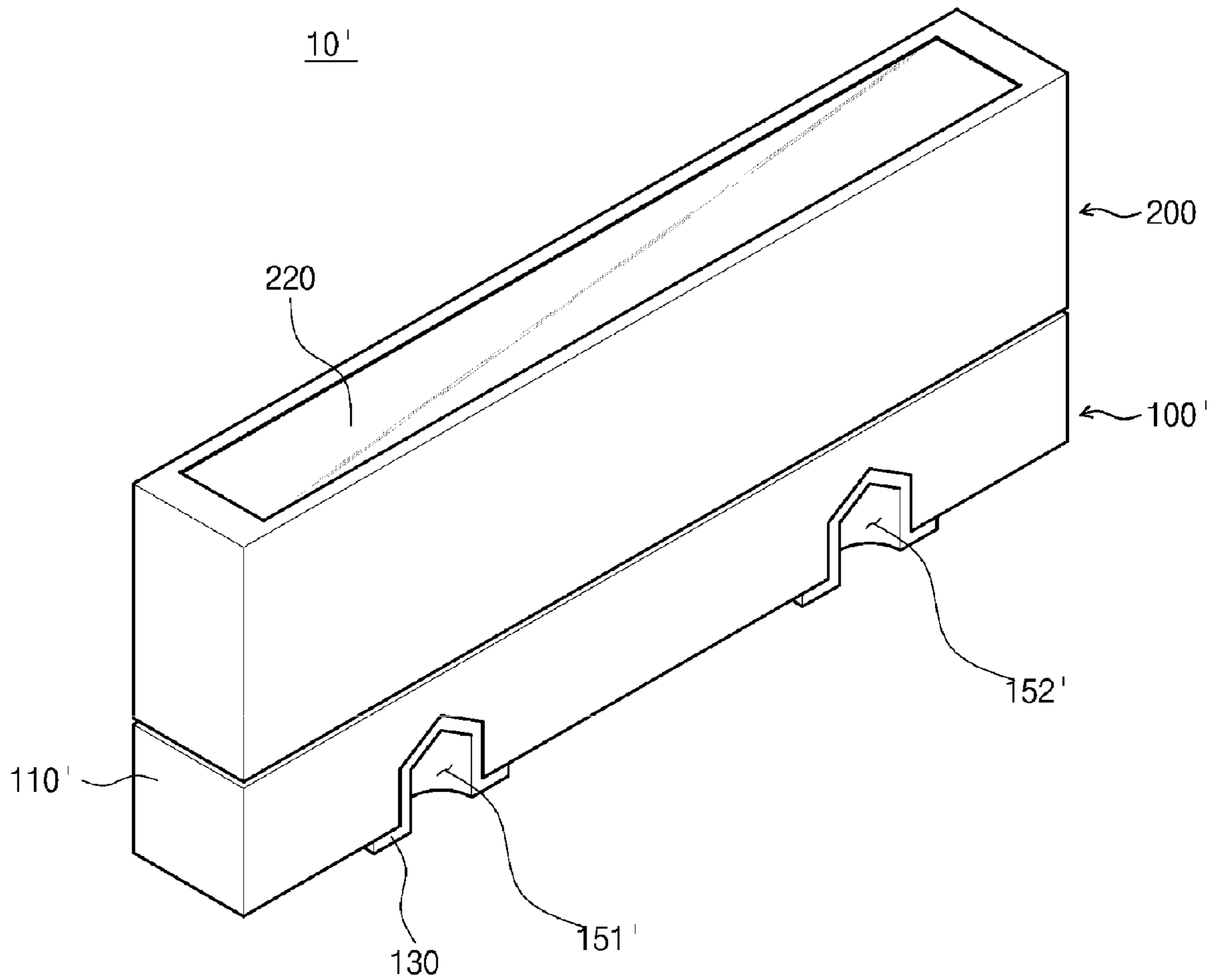
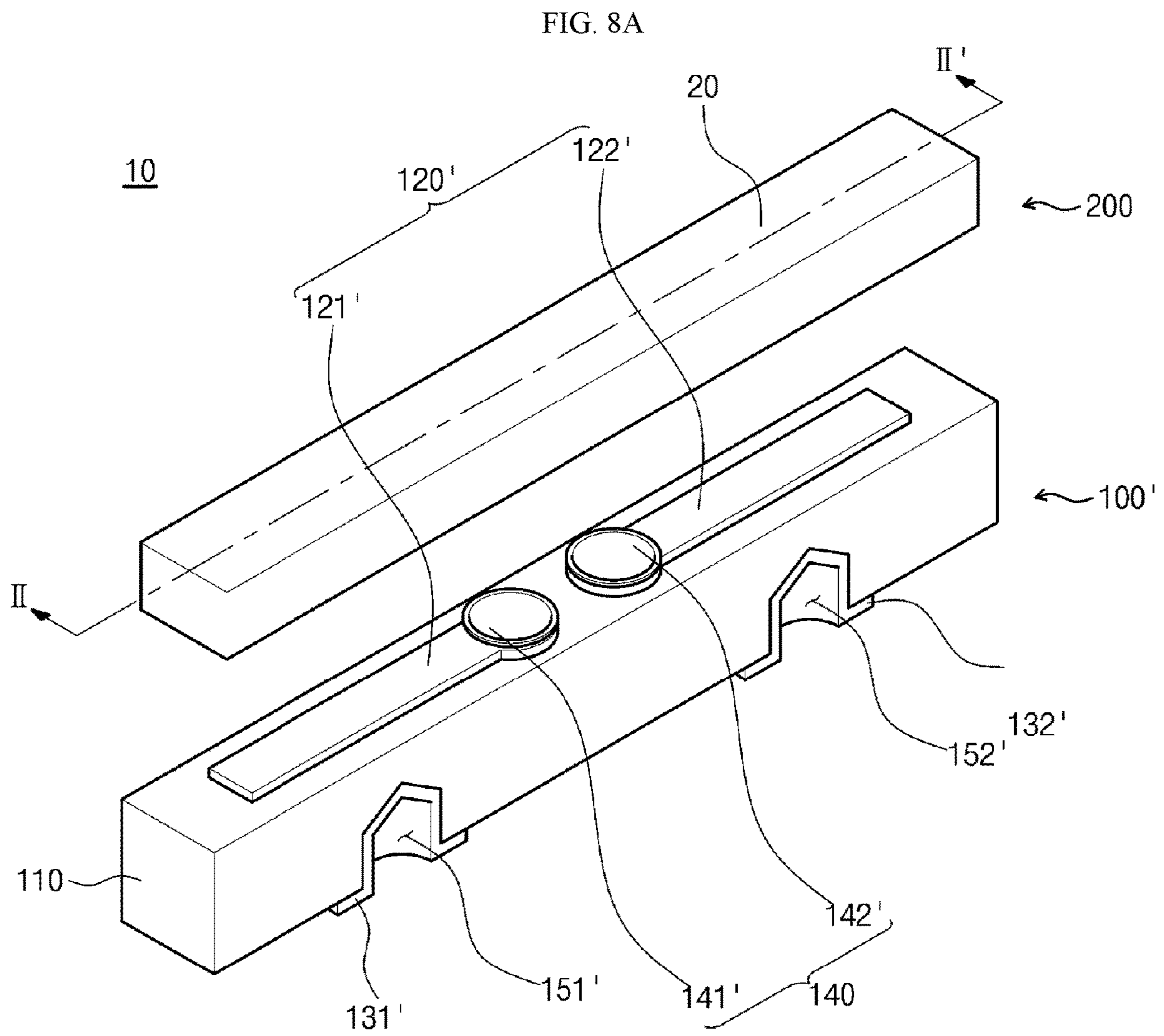


FIG. 7







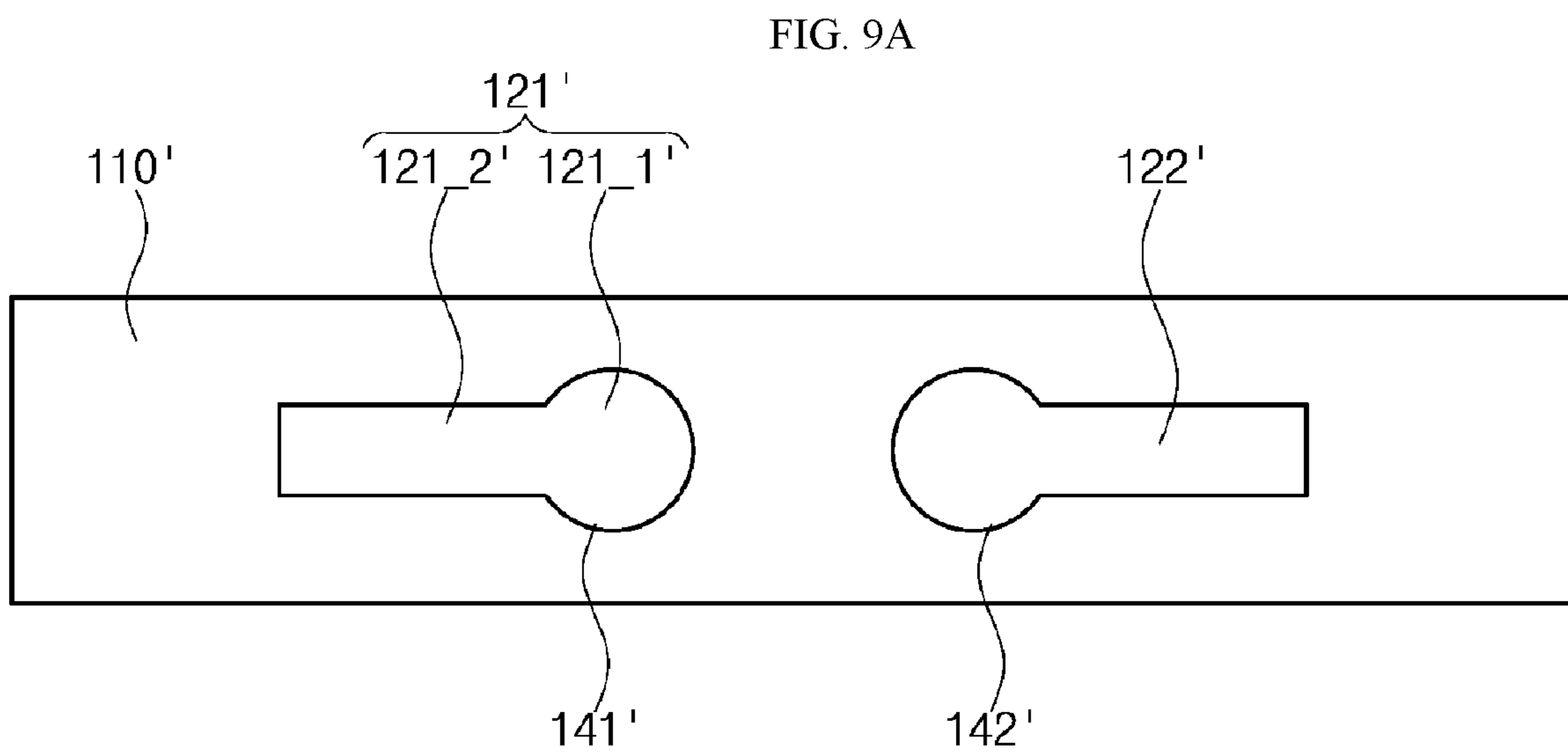
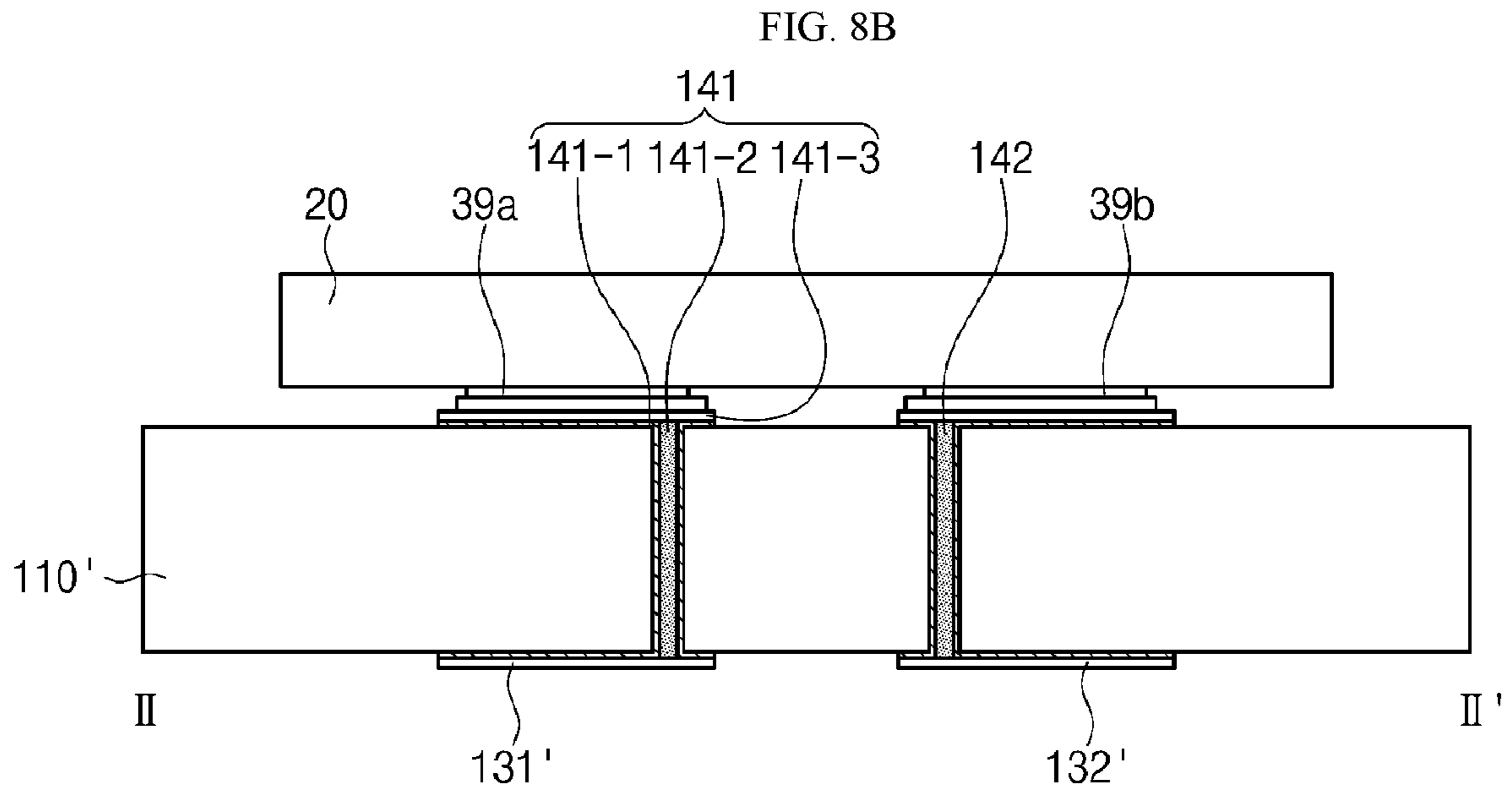


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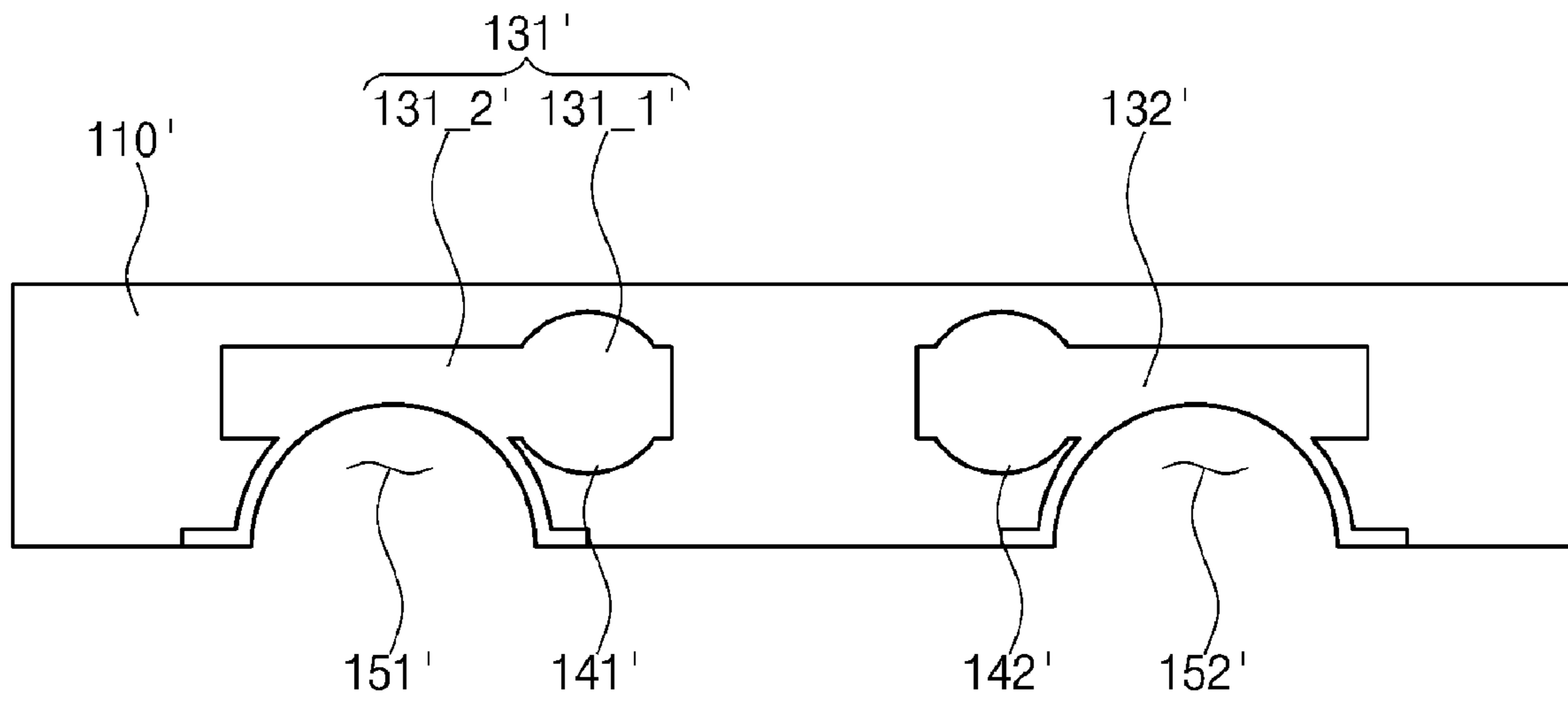


FIG. 10A

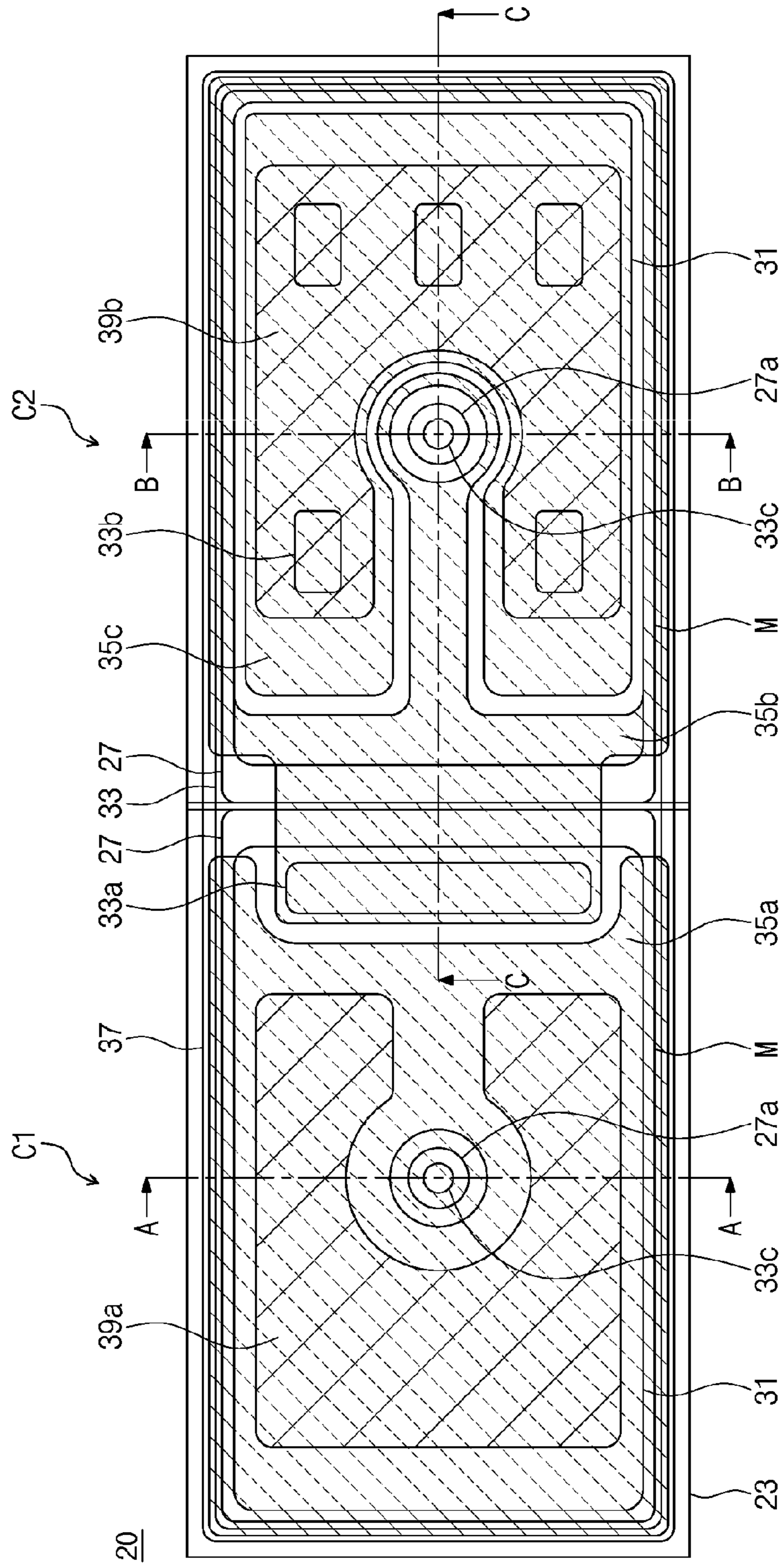


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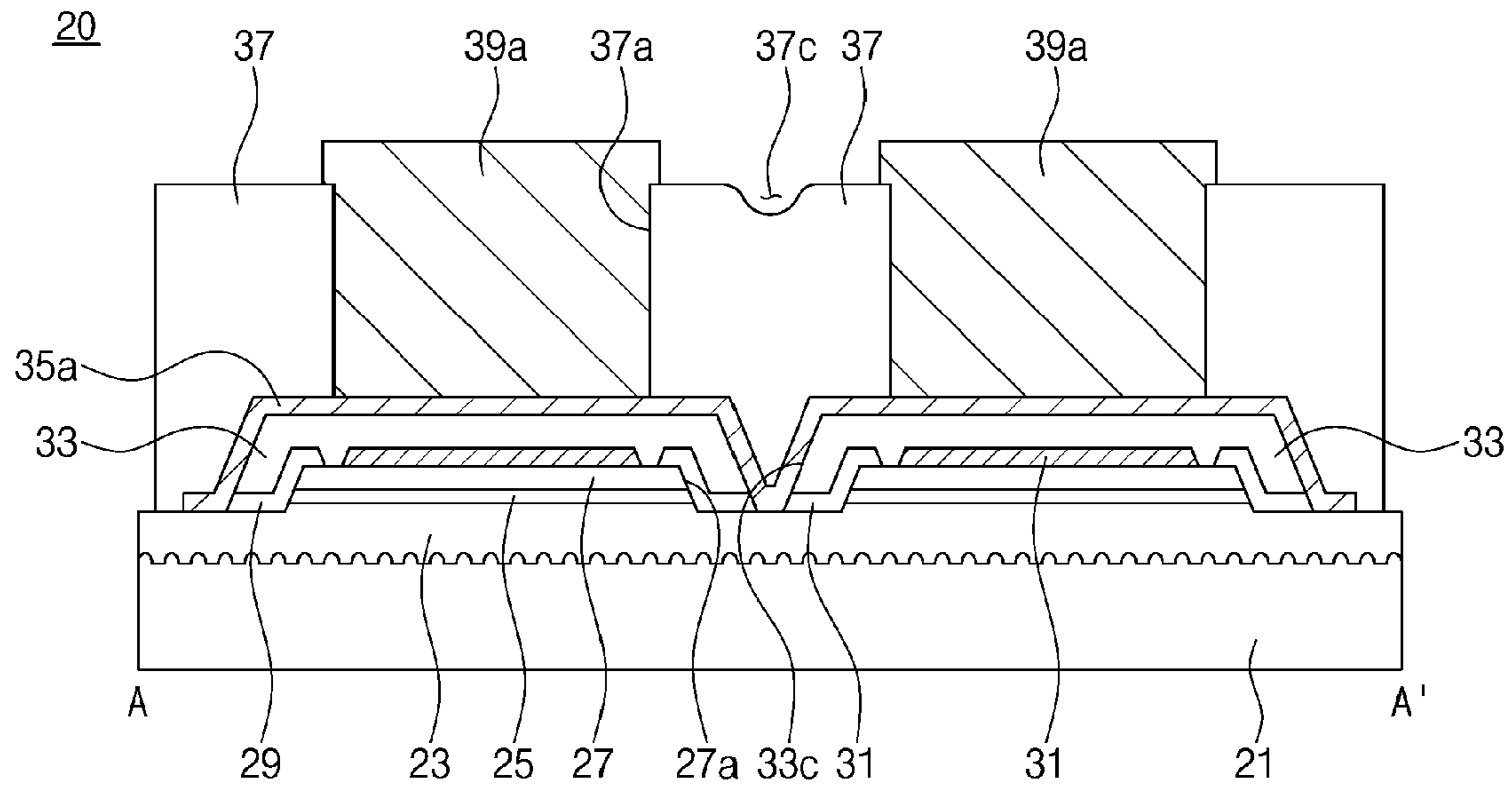


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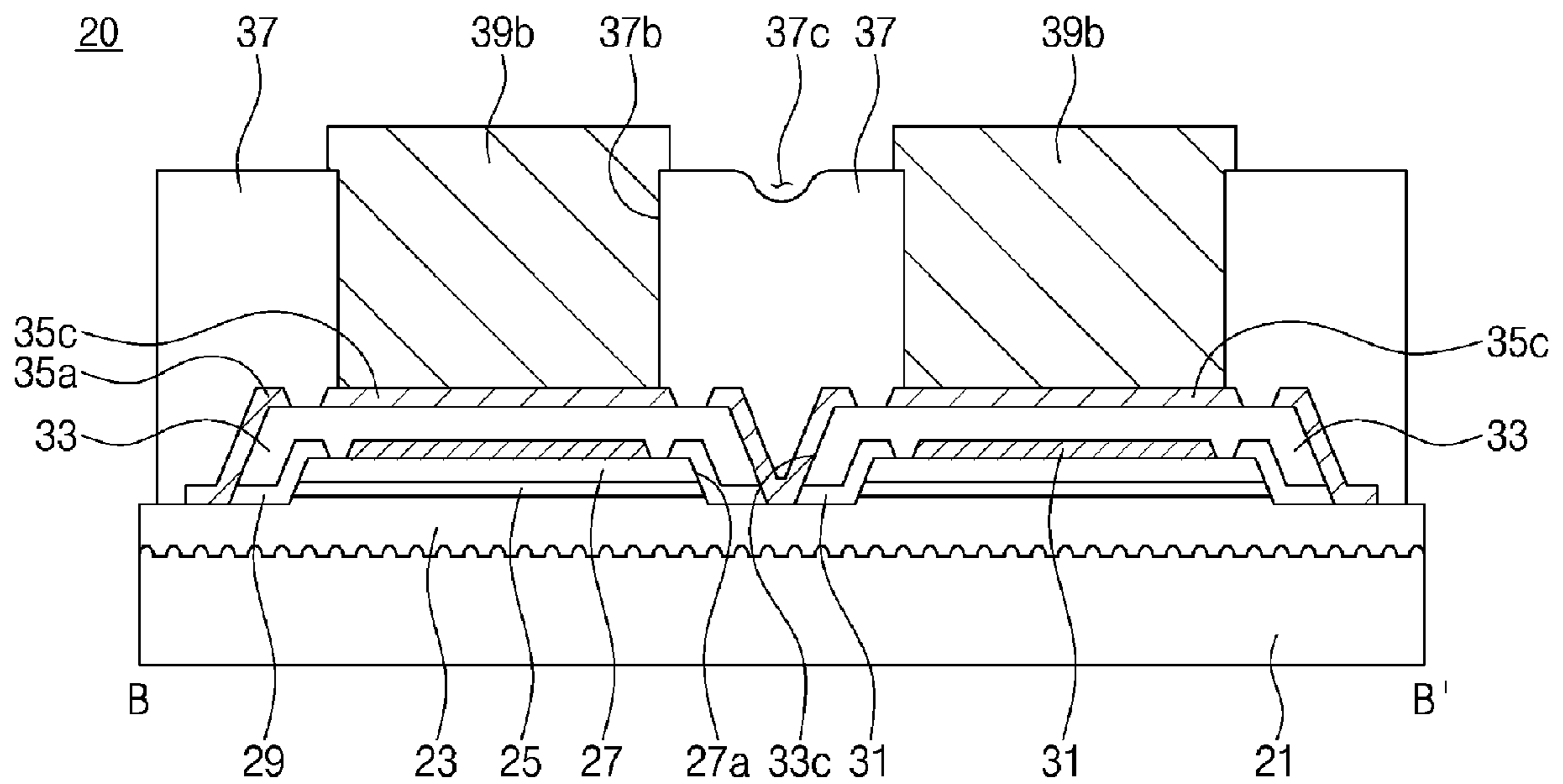




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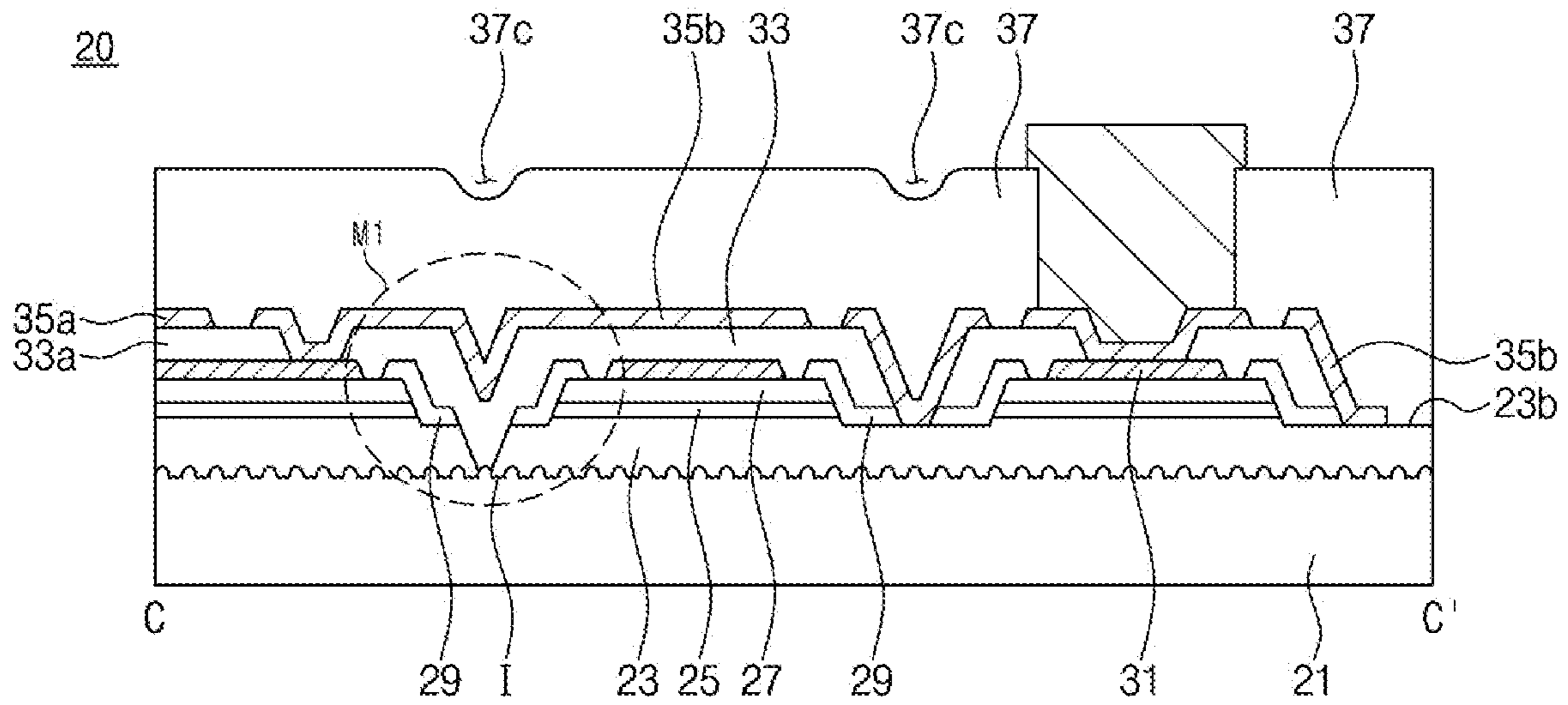


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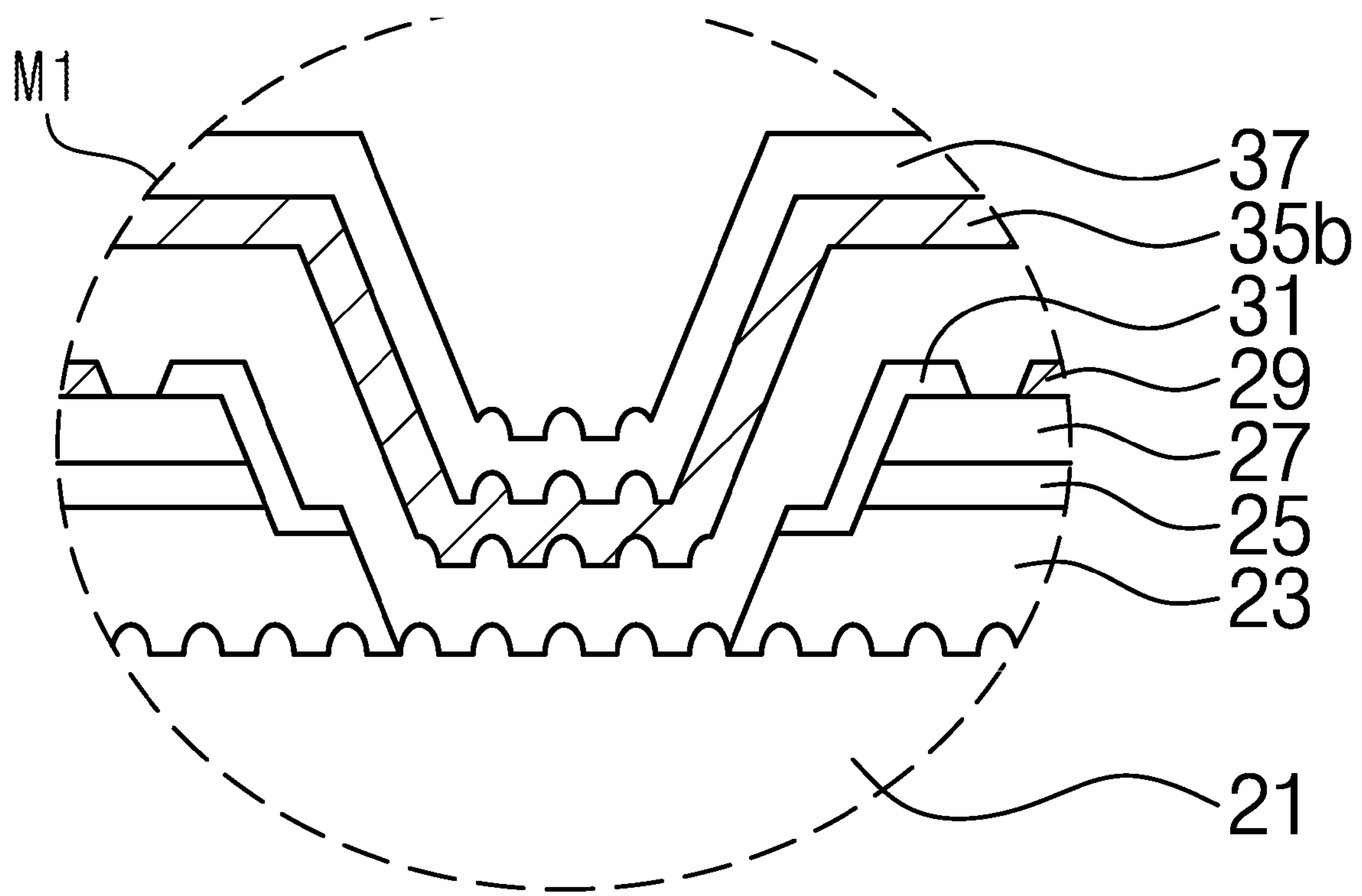


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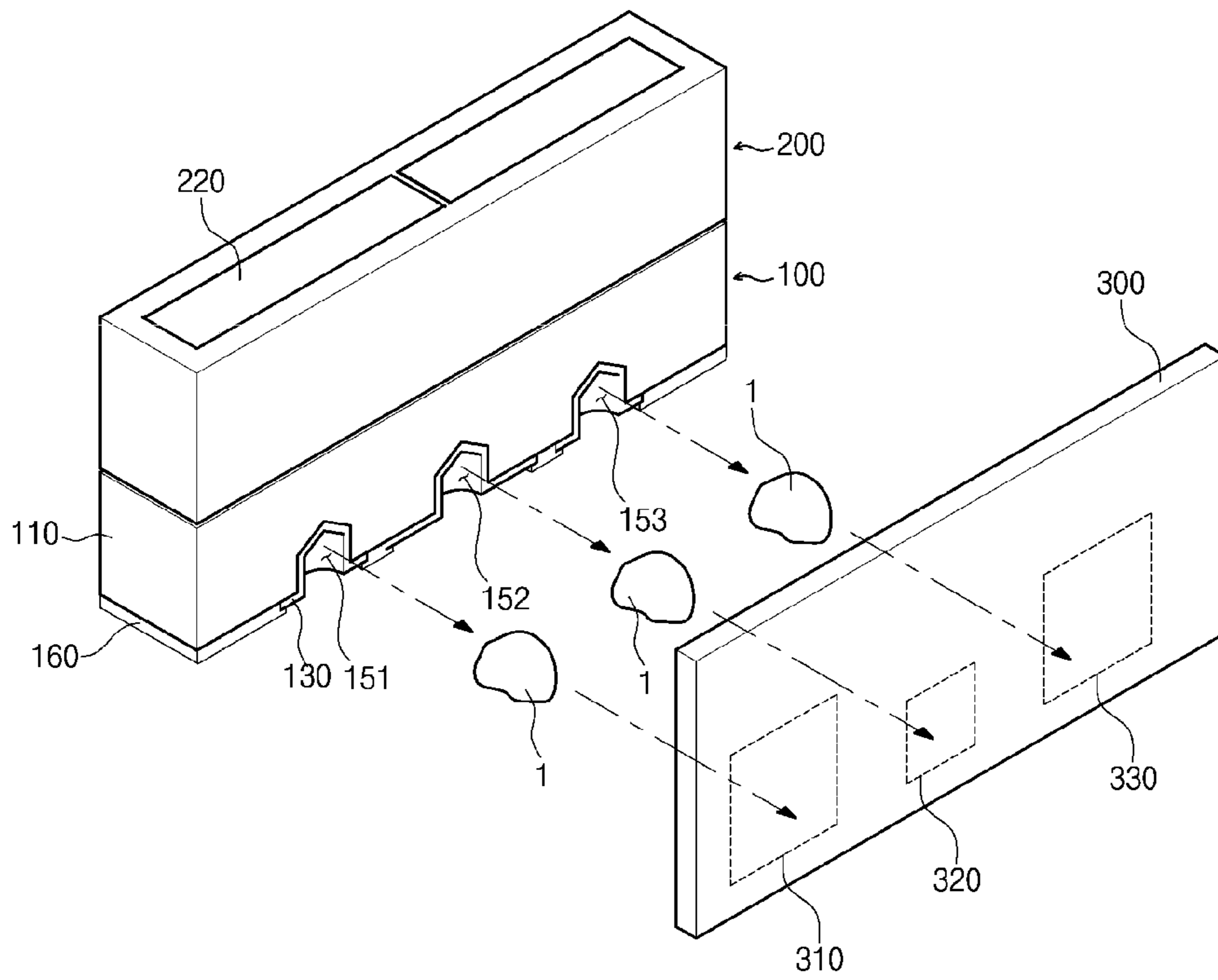


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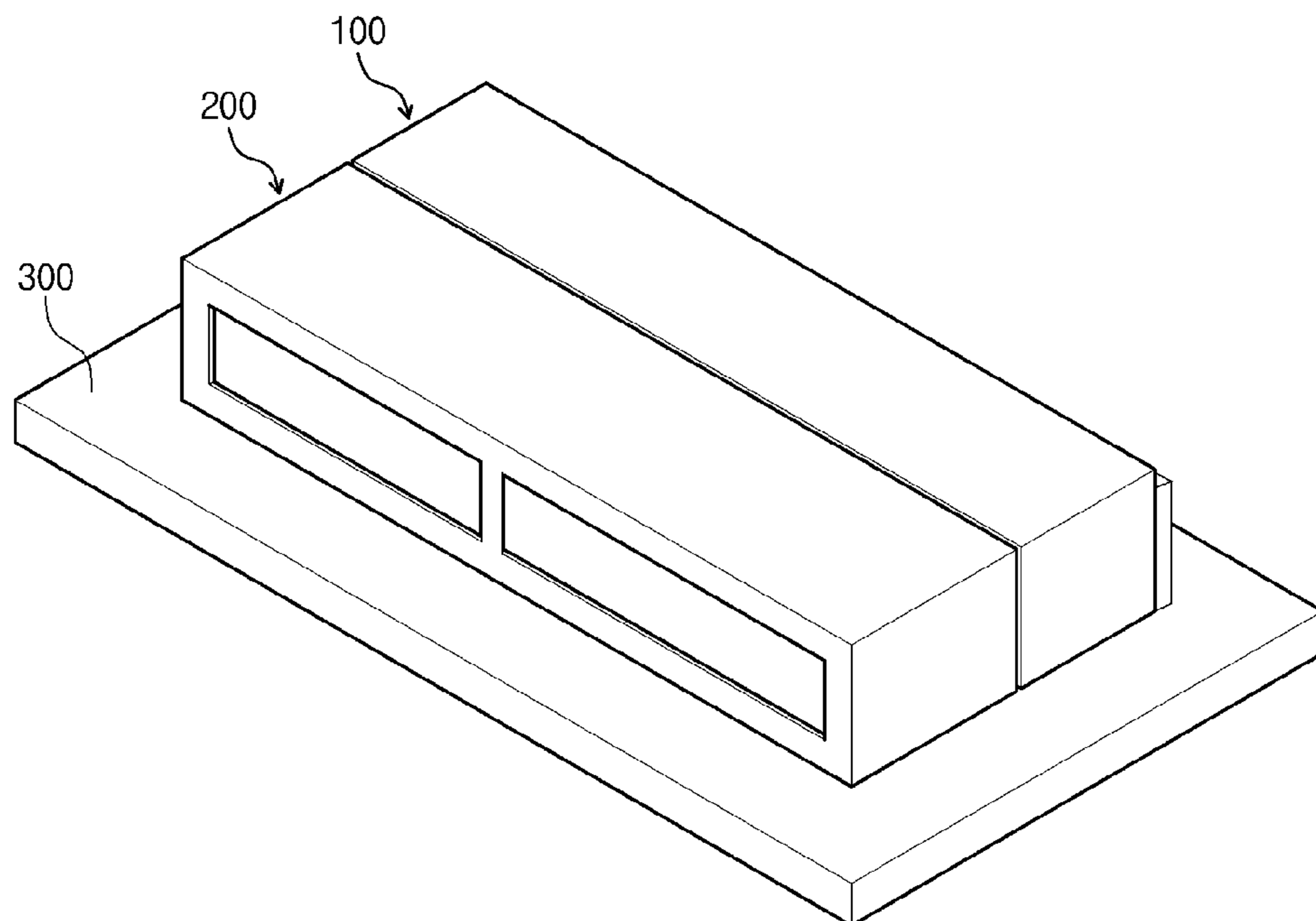


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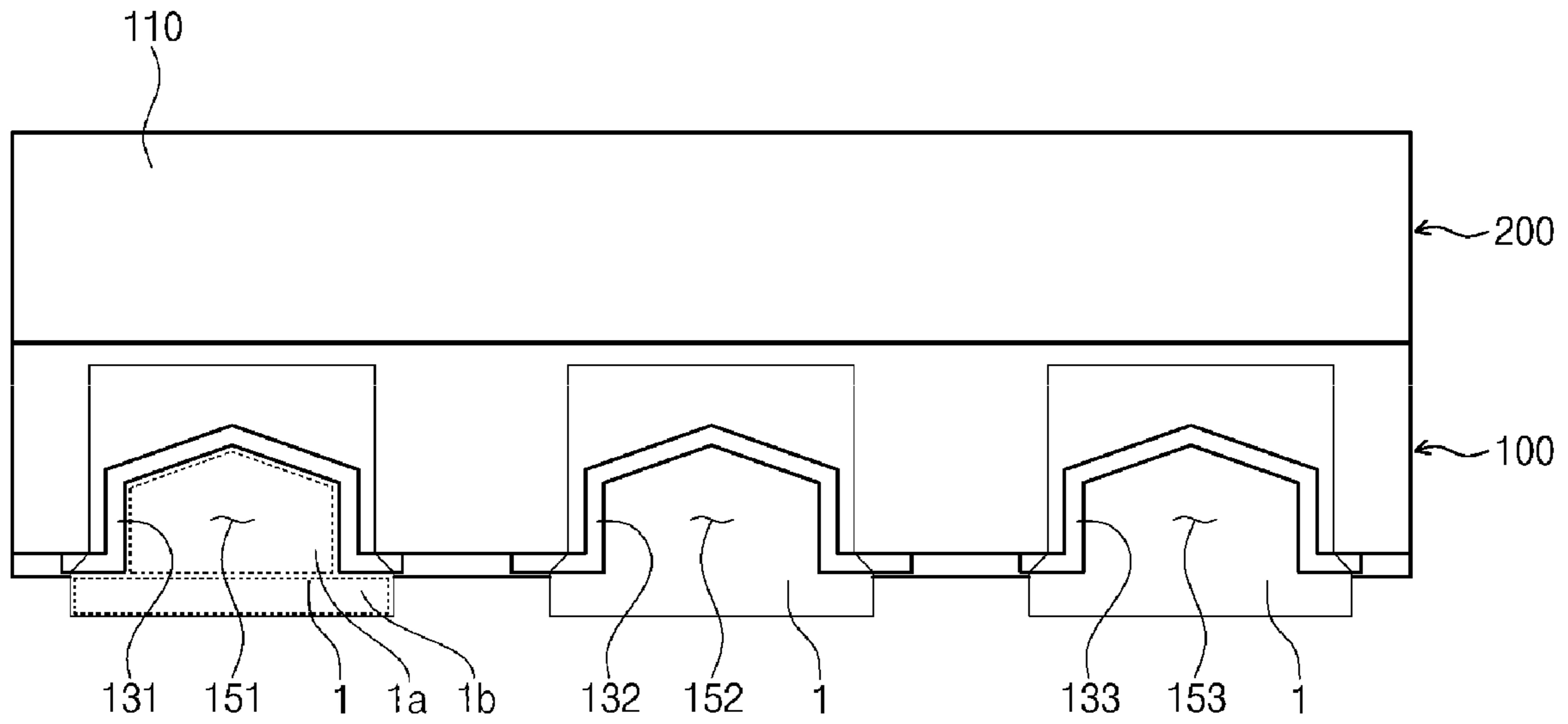


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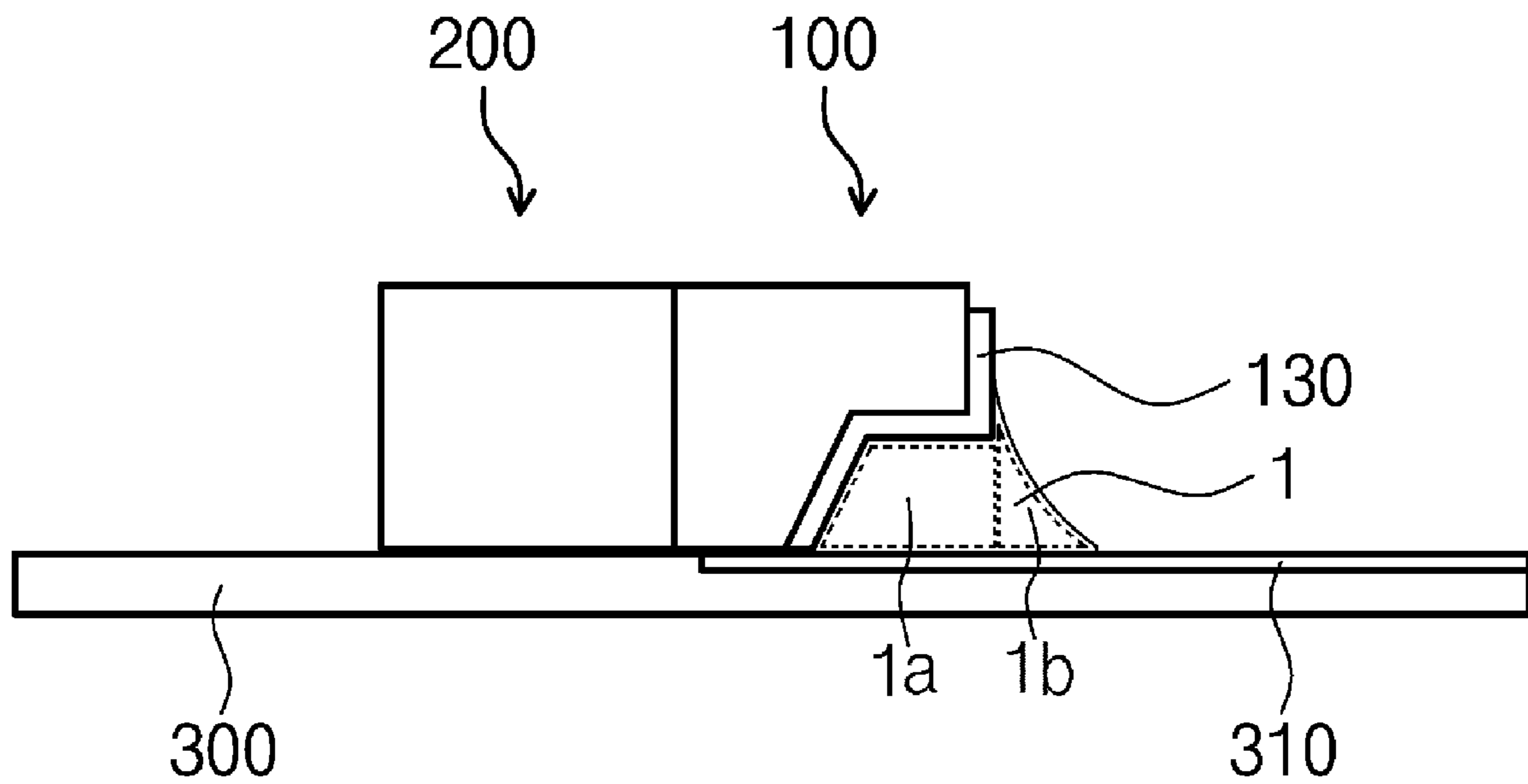


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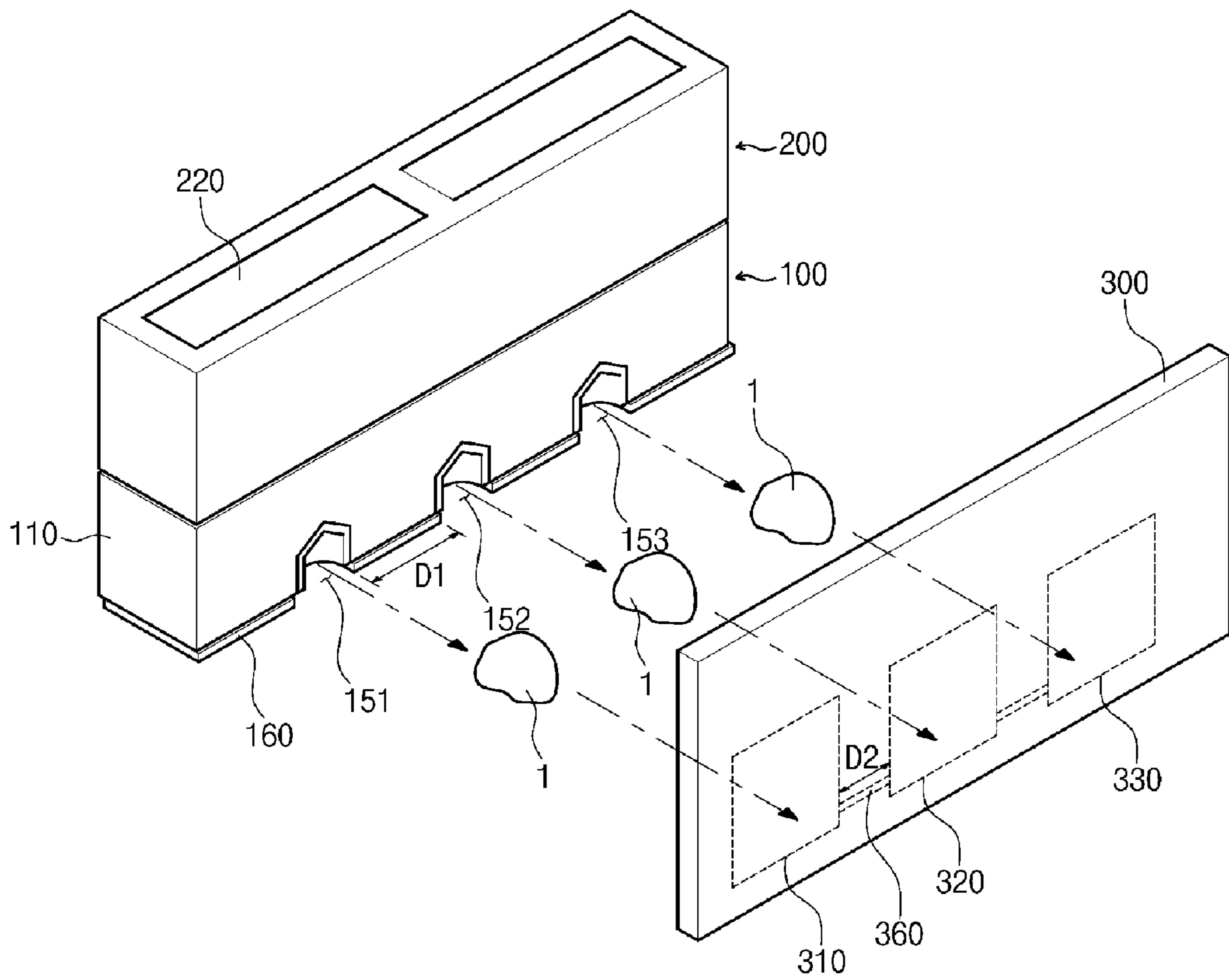


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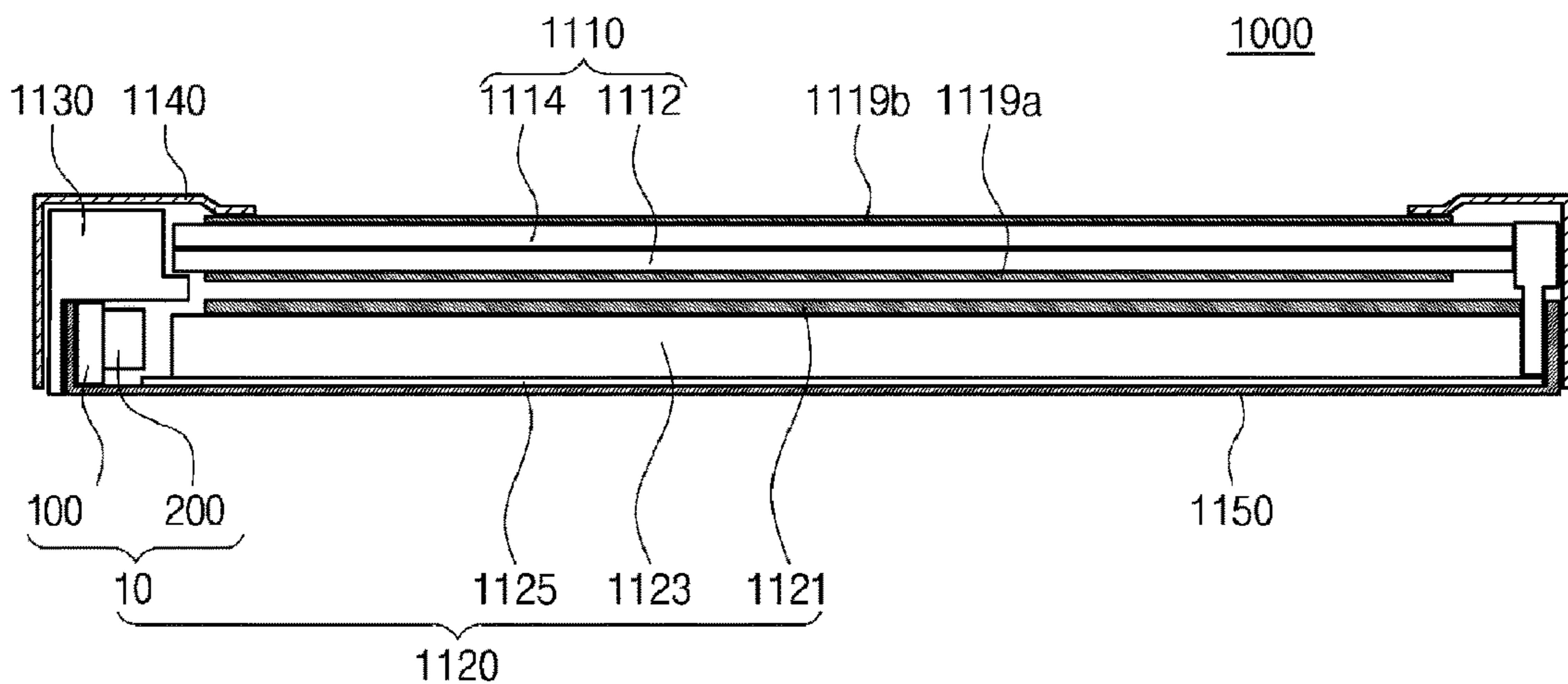


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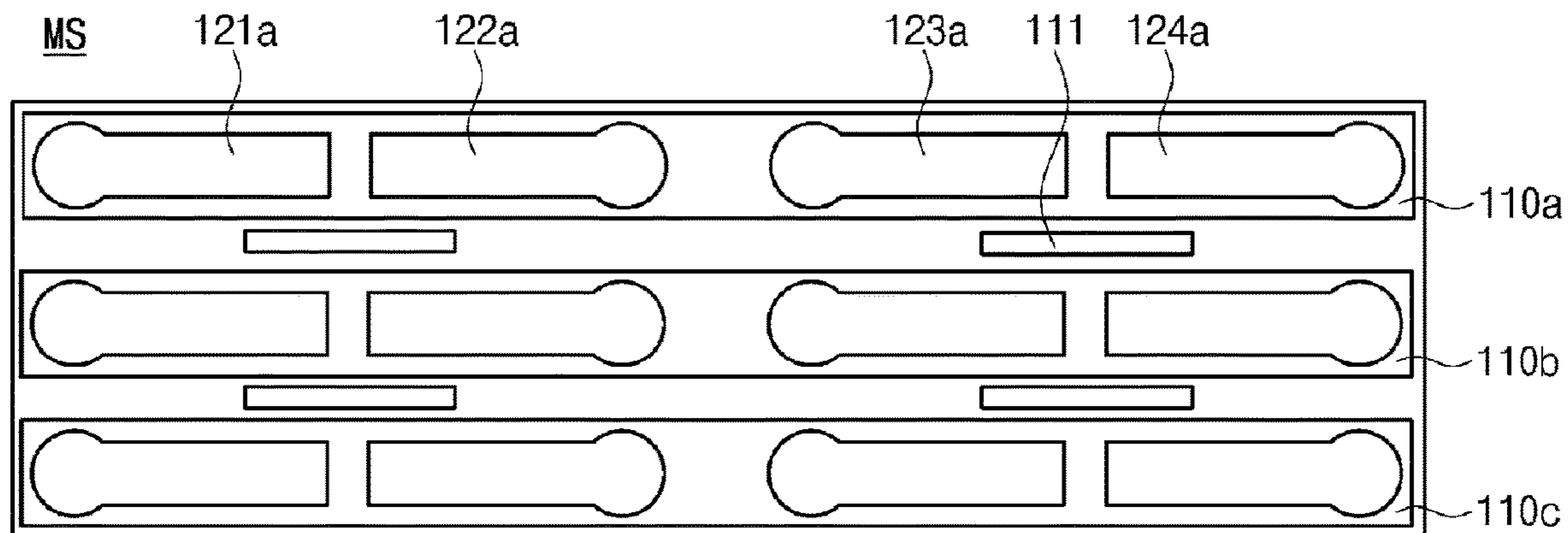


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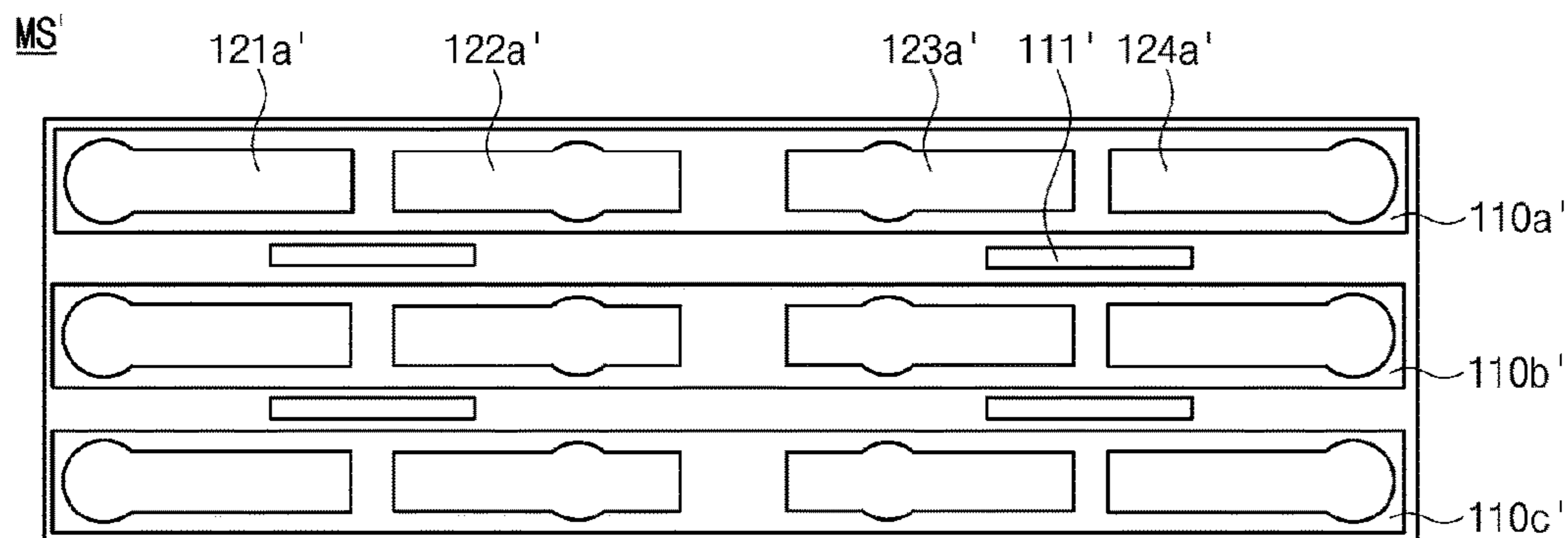




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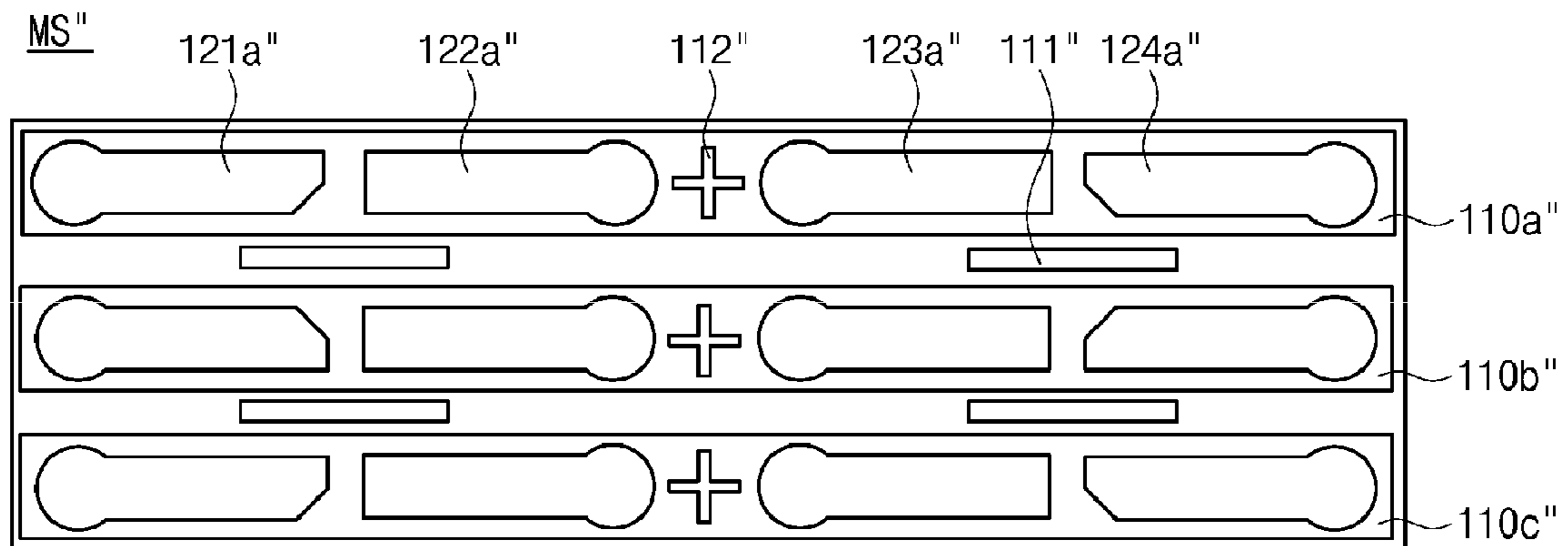


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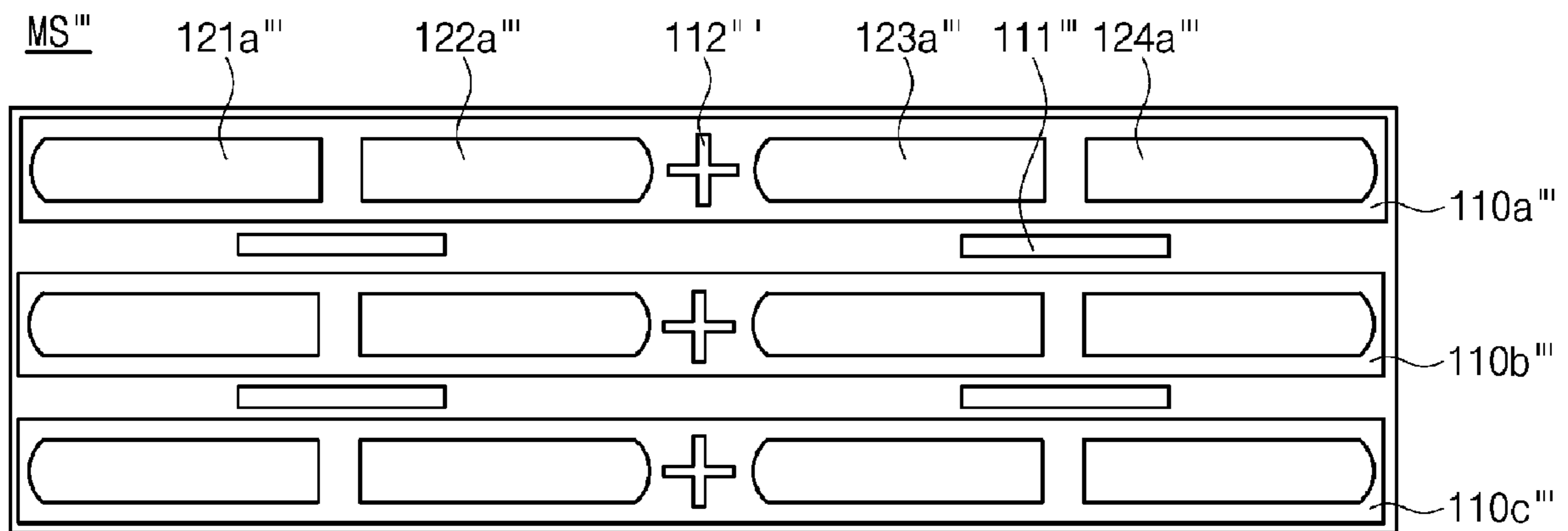


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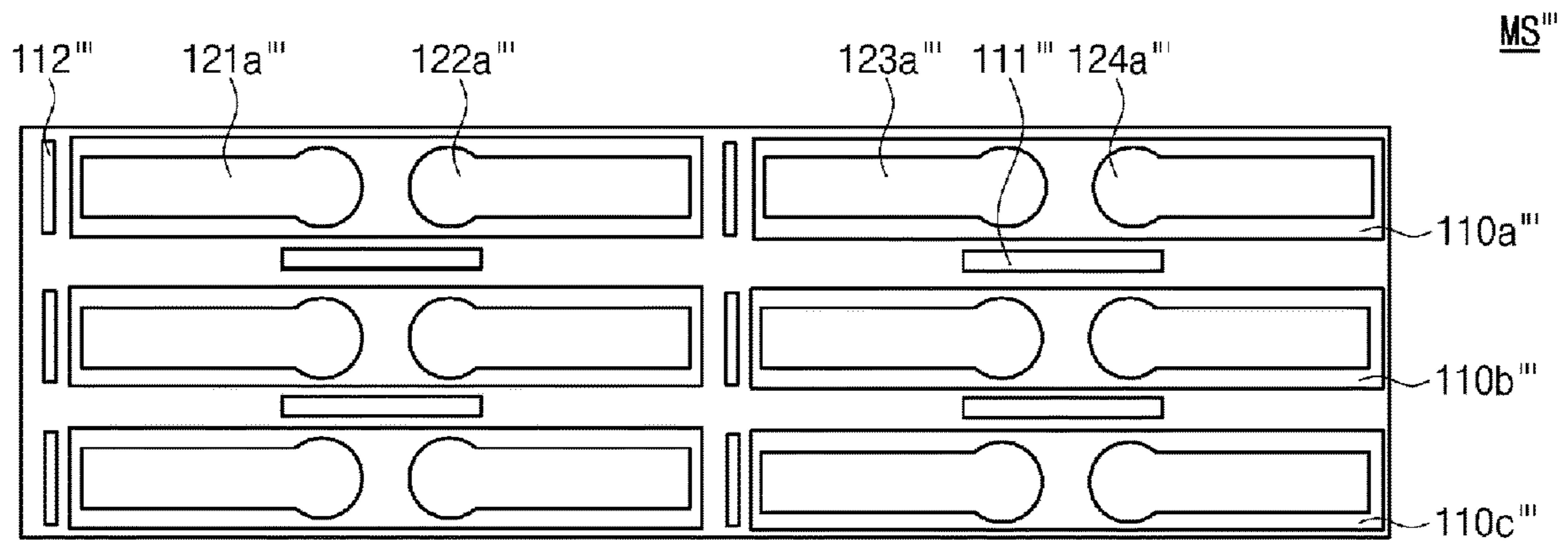


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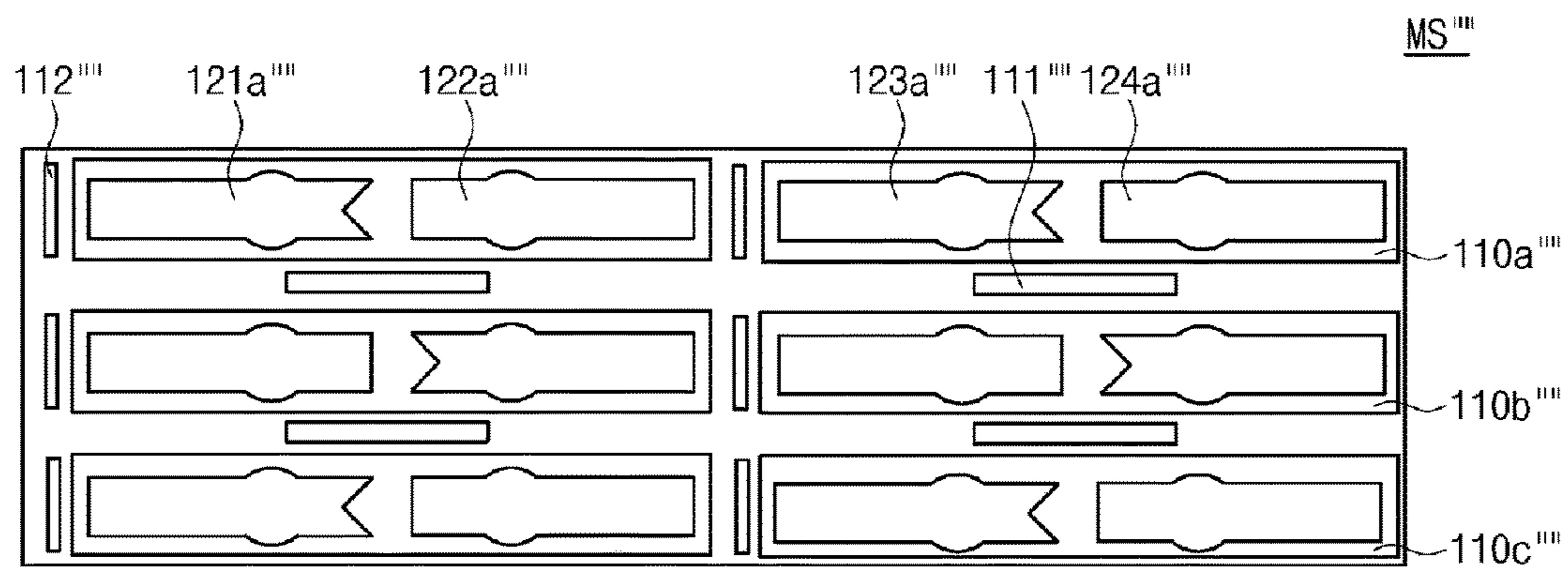
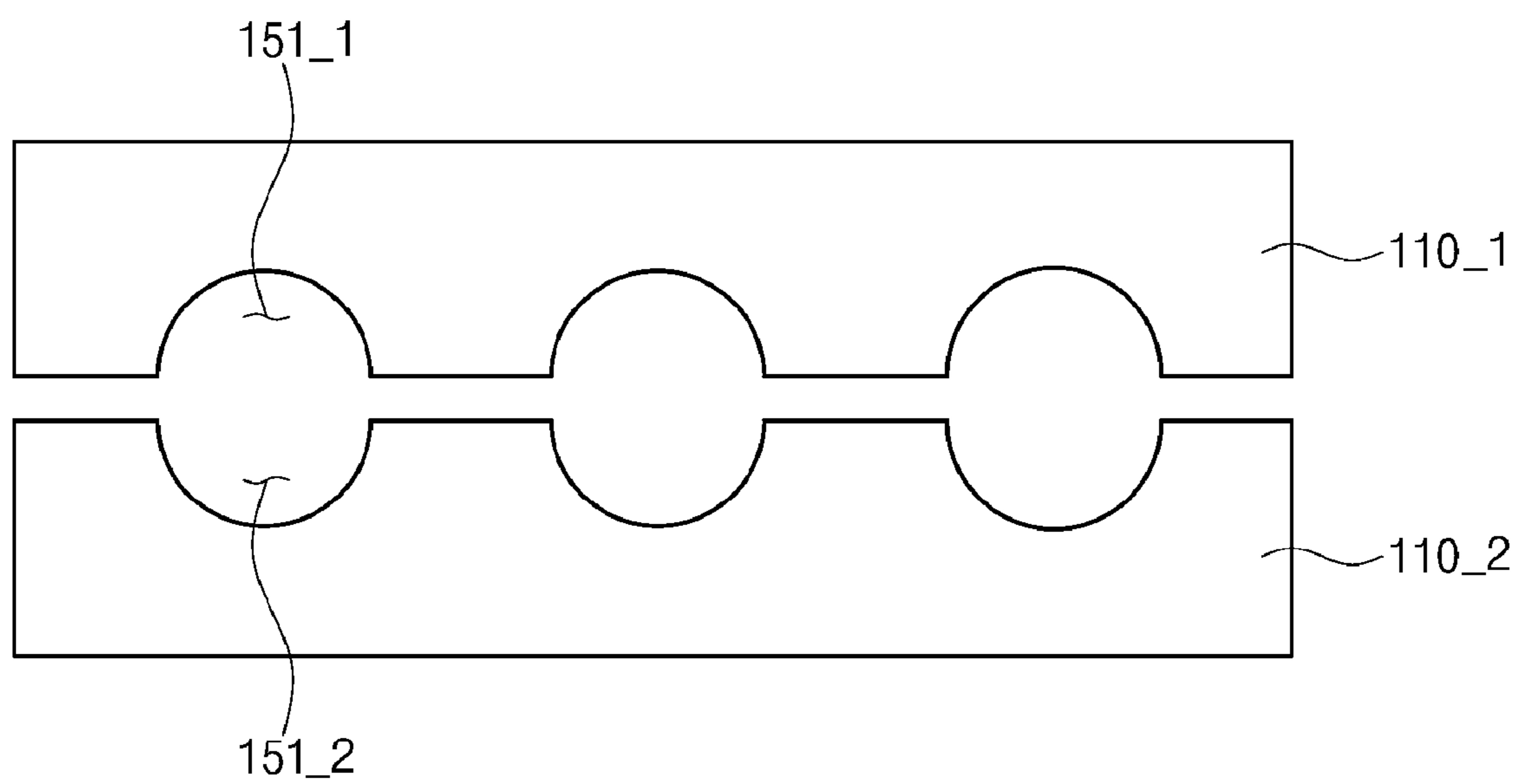


FIG. 17





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**LIGHT EMITTING DIODE, LIGHT  
EMITTING DIODE MODULE, AND DISPLAY  
DEVICE HAVING THE LIGHT EMITTING  
DIODE MODULE**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED  
APPLICATIONS

This application is a Bypass Continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/KR2019/005826, filed on May 5, 2019, and claims priority from and the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2018-0056896, filed on May 18, 2018, and Korean Patent Application No. 10-2019-0053271, filed on May 7, 2019, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference for all purposes if fully set forth herein.

BACKGROUND

Field

Exemplary embodiments of the invention relate generally to a light emitting diode, a light emitting diode module, and a display device having the light emitting diode module and, more specifically, to a light emitting diode, a light emitting diode module, and a display device having the same with improved reliability.

Discussion of the Background

In general, a light emitting diode is broadly classified into a top-emission type light emitting diode and a side-emission type light emitting diode. A side-emission type light emitting diode package, in which light is incident into a side surface of a light guide plate, is widely used as a light source for a backlight of a display device. In recent years, the side-emission type light emitting diode package is becoming more widely used and applied in many fields in addition to a backlight of a conventional display device.

Recently, as a thickness of the display device becomes thinner, a thickness of the side-emission type light emitting diode package is also becoming thinner. When the thickness of the side-emission type light emitting diode package decreases, a space between a light emitting diode chip and a reflector becomes narrower. As such, a design for heat dissipation is required according to a temperature rise from the narrowed space.

The above information disclosed in this Background section is only for understanding of the background of the inventive concepts, and, therefore, it may contain information that does not constitute prior art.

SUMMARY

A light emitting diode, a light emitting diode module, and a display device having the light emitting diode module constructed according to exemplary embodiments of the invention are free from disconnection and have excellent heat resistance.

A light emitting diode, a light emitting diode module, and a display device having the light emitting diode module according to exemplary embodiments also have a thin thickness and a high degree of integration.

Additional features of the inventive concepts will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the inventive concepts.

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A light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment includes a lead frame unit, and a light source unit disposed on the lead frame unit, the lead frame unit including a body portion having a first surface contacting the light source unit and a second surface opposite to the first surface, the body portion including at least one solder hole recessed from the second surface of the body portion, a first conductive layer disposed on the first surface of the body portion and including a circular portion having a substantially circular shape and an elongated portion provided integrally with the circular portion and elongating in one direction from the circular portion, a second conductive layer disposed on the second surface of the body portion, and a connection portion disposed between the first conductive layer and the second conductive layer and penetrating through the body portion.

The elongated portion may have a width less than a diameter of the circular portion.

The connection portion may overlap at least a portion of the circular portion in a plan view.

The connection portion may be disposed on a through hole defined through the body portion and may include a connection portion conductive layer disposed on a surface of the through hole, a plug disposed on the connection portion conductive layer and filling the through hole, and a cover plate disposed on the through hole to cover the through hole.

The cover plate may have a same shape as the connection portion conductive layer on the first surface and the second surface of the body portion.

The lead frame unit may have a third surface connecting the first surface and the second surface, and the solder hole may be defined over the second surface and the third surface.

The solder hole may have a substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape in the second surface of the body portion, and may have a substantially pentagonal shape in the third surface, and at least one internal angle defined by the pentagonal shape may be in a range from about 120 degrees to about 170 degrees.

The solder hole may have a substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape in the second surface of the body portion, and a radius of the substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape may be in a range from about 10% to about 50% of a thickness of the body portion.

The light emitting diode may further include a solder insulating layer disposed on the second surface, in which the solder insulating layer may cover at least a portion of the second conductive layer disposed between the solder holes.

The solder hole and the connection portion may be spaced apart from each other by at least about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  when viewed from the second surface.

The light source unit may include a first light emitting diode chip and a second light emitting diode chip disposed on the lead frame unit to be substantially parallel to each other.

The light emitting diode may further include a first wavelength converter and a second wavelength converter configured to emit light having a same wavelength as each other, the first wavelength converter may be disposed on the first light emitting diode chip to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip to a first wavelength band, the second wavelength converter may be disposed on the second light emitting diode chip to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting diode chip to a second wavelength band different from the first wavelength band.



A light transmission portion may be disposed on the first wavelength converter and the second wavelength converter, and the first wavelength converter and the second wavelength converter may have a thickness smaller than a thickness of the light transmission portion.

The first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip may be configured to emit light having a same wavelength as each other.

The first conductive layer may include a first upper electrode electrically connected to the first light emitting diode chip, a second upper electrode electrically connected to the first light emitting diode chip, a third upper electrode electrically connected to the second light emitting diode chip, and a fourth upper electrode electrically connected to the second light emitting diode chip.

The first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip may overlap at least a portion of the first conductive layer in a plan view.

The light source unit may include a first light emitting diode chip and a second light emitting diode chip, and the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip may be spaced apart from each other by a first interval when viewed from a top of the light source unit. At least one of the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip may be spaced apart from an edge of the light source unit by a light emitting diode chip margin when viewed from a top of the light source unit, and the first interval may be greater than the light emitting diode chip margin.

The light source unit may have substantially a rectangular shape with long sides and short sides when viewed in a top view, the first light emitting diode chip and one short side of the light source unit adjacent to the first light emitting diode chip may be spaced apart from each other by a second interval, and the second light emitting diode chip and the other short side of the light source unit adjacent to the second light emitting diode chip may be spaced apart from each other by a third interval. The first interval is greater than the second interval and the third interval.

A light emitting diode package according to another exemplary embodiment includes a lead frame unit, a light source unit disposed on the lead frame unit, an external frame disposed at one side portion of the lead frame unit, and a solder ball connecting the lead frame unit to the external frame, in which the lead frame unit includes a body portion having a first surface contacting the light source unit, a second surface opposite to the first surface, and a third surface connecting the first surface and the second surface, the body portion including at least one solder hole recessed from the second surface and the third surface, a first conductive layer disposed on the first surface of the body portion, a second conductive layer disposed on the second surface of the body portion, and a through hole disposed between the first conductive layer and the second conductive layer and penetrating the body portion.

A shape of the solder hole from the second surface may be different from a shape of the solder hole from the third surface.

The external frame may be disposed to face the third surface of the body portion, the light source unit may include at least one light emitting diode chip, and a direction to which light emitted from the light emitting diode chip travels is substantially perpendicular to a direction in which the external frame is coupled to the body portion.

The through hole may be defined to be substantially parallel to the external frame, and the through hole and the solder hole may be spaced apart from each other.

The solder paste may be disposed in a first area between the second conductive layer and the external frame and a second area outside the body portion, and the solder paste disposed in the second area may cover at least a portion of the second conductive layer.

The light emitting diode package may further include a solder insulating layer disposed on the second surface, in which the solder insulating layer may cover at least a portion of the second conductive layer disposed between the solder holes.

It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory and are intended to provide further explanation of the invention as claimed.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the invention and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this specification, illustrate exemplary embodiments of the invention, and together with the description serve to explain the inventive concepts.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 2A is a perspective view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 2B is a cross-sectional view taken along line I-I' of FIG. 2A according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 2C is a cross-sectional view taken along line I-I' of FIG. 2A according to another exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 2D is a cross-sectional view of a light emitting diode in which a lead frame unit and a light emitting unit are coupled to each other of FIG. 2A.

FIGS. 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, and 3E are plan views of a first surface and a second surface of a lead frame unit according to exemplary embodiments.

FIGS. 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F, and 4G are plan views of a second surface of a lead frame unit according to exemplary embodiments.

FIG. 5A is a side view of a third surface of a lead frame unit according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 5B is a cross-sectional view of a lead frame unit according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 6 is a plan view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 8A is a perspective view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 8B is a cross-sectional view taken along line II-II' of FIG. 8A.

FIGS. 9A and 9B are plan views of a first surface and a second surface of a lead frame unit according to an exemplary embodiment, respectively.

FIG. 10A is a plan view of a light source unit according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 10B is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. 10A.

FIG. 10C is a cross-sectional view taken along line B-B' of FIG. 10A.

FIG. 10D is a cross-sectional view taken along line C-C' of FIG. 10A.

FIG. 10E is a magnified view of M1 in FIG. 10D.

FIGS. 11A and 11B are perspective views of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.



FIGS. 12A and 12B are cross-sectional views of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 13 is a perspective view of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 14 is a cross-sectional view of a display device to which a light emitting diode module is applied according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIGS. 15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D are plan views of an upper surface of a mother substrate according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIGS. 16A and 16B are plan views of an upper surface of a mother substrate according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 17 is a plan view of a lower surface of a body portion according to an exemplary embodiment.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the following description, for the purposes of explanation, numerous specific details are set forth in order to provide a thorough understanding of various exemplary embodiments or implementations of the invention. As used herein “embodiments” and “implementations” are interchangeable words that are non-limiting examples of devices or methods employing one or more of the inventive concepts disclosed herein. It is apparent, however, that various exemplary embodiments may be practiced without these specific details or with one or more equivalent arrangements. In other instances, well-known structures and devices are shown in block diagram form in order to avoid unnecessarily obscuring various exemplary embodiments. Further, various exemplary embodiments may be different, but do not have to be exclusive. For example, specific shapes, configurations, and characteristics of an exemplary embodiment may be used or implemented in another exemplary embodiment without departing from the inventive concepts.

Unless otherwise specified, the illustrated exemplary embodiments are to be understood as providing exemplary features of varying detail of some ways in which the inventive concepts may be implemented in practice. Therefore, unless otherwise specified, the features, components, modules, layers, films, panels, regions, and/or aspects, etc. (hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as “elements”), of the various embodiments may be otherwise combined, separated, interchanged, and/or rearranged without departing from the inventive concepts.

The use of cross-hatching and/or shading in the accompanying drawings is generally provided to clarify boundaries between adjacent elements. As such, neither the presence nor the absence of cross-hatching or shading conveys or indicates any preference or requirement for particular materials, material properties, dimensions, proportions, commonalities between illustrated elements, and/or any other characteristic, attribute, property, etc., of the elements, unless specified. Further, in the accompanying drawings, the size and relative sizes of elements may be exaggerated for clarity and/or descriptive purposes. When an exemplary embodiment may be implemented differently, a specific process order may be performed differently from the described order. For example, two consecutively described processes may be performed substantially at the same time or performed in an order opposite to the described order. Also, like reference numerals denote like elements.

When an element, such as a layer, is referred to as being “on,” “connected to,” or “coupled to” another element or layer, it may be directly on, connected to, or coupled to the other element or layer or intervening elements or layers may

be present. When, however, an element or layer is referred to as being “directly on,” “directly connected to,” or “directly coupled to” another element or layer, there are no intervening elements or layers present. To this end, the term “connected” may refer to physical, electrical, and/or fluid connection, with or without intervening elements. Further, the D1-axis, the D2-axis, and the D3-axis are not limited to three axes of a rectangular coordinate system, such as the x, y, and z-axes, and may be interpreted in a broader sense. For example, the D1-axis, the D2-axis, and the D3-axis may be perpendicular to one another, or may represent different directions that are not perpendicular to one another. For the purposes of this disclosure, “at least one of X, Y, and Z” and “at least one selected from the group consisting of X, Y, and Z” may be construed as X only, Y only, Z only, or any combination of two or more of X, Y, and Z, such as, for instance, XYZ, XYY, YZ, and ZZ. As used herein, the term “and/or” includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

Although the terms “first,” “second,” etc. may be used herein to describe various types of elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are used to distinguish one element from another element. Thus, a first element discussed below could be termed a second element without departing from the teachings of the disclosure.

Spatially relative terms, such as “beneath,” “below,” “under,” “lower,” “above,” “upper,” “over,” “higher,” “side” (e.g., as in “sidewall”), and the like, may be used herein for descriptive purposes, and, thereby, to describe one element relationship to another element(s) as illustrated in the drawings. Spatially relative terms are intended to encompass different orientations of an apparatus in use, operation, and/or manufacture in addition to the orientation depicted in the drawings. For example, if the apparatus in the drawings is turned over, elements described as “below” or “beneath” other elements or features would then be oriented “above” the other elements or features. Thus, the exemplary term “below” can encompass both an orientation of above and below. Furthermore, the apparatus may be otherwise oriented (e.g., rotated 90 degrees or at other orientations), and, as such, the spatially relative descriptors used herein interpreted accordingly.

The terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments and is not intended to be limiting. As used herein, the singular forms, “a,” “an,” and “the” are intended to include the plural forms as well, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Moreover, the terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “includes,” and/or “including,” when used in this specification, specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof, but do not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, operations, elements, components, and/or groups thereof. It is also noted that, as used herein, the terms “substantially,” “about,” and other similar terms, are used as terms of approximation and not as terms of degree, and, as such, are utilized to account for inherent deviations in measured, calculated, and/or provided values that would be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Various exemplary embodiments are described herein with reference to sectional and/or exploded illustrations that are schematic illustrations of idealized exemplary embodiments and/or intermediate structures. As such, variations from the shapes of the illustrations as a result, for example, of manufacturing techniques and/or tolerances, are to be expected. Thus, exemplary embodiments disclosed herein



should not necessarily be construed as limited to the particular illustrated shapes of regions, but are to include deviations in shapes that result from, for instance, manufacturing. In this manner, regions illustrated in the drawings may be schematic in nature and the shapes of these regions may not reflect actual shapes of regions of a device and, as such, are not necessarily intended to be limiting.

Unless otherwise defined, all terms (including technical and scientific terms) used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure is a part. Terms, such as those defined in commonly used dictionaries, should be interpreted as having a meaning that is consistent with their meaning in the context of the relevant art and should not be interpreted in an idealized or overly formal sense, unless expressly so defined herein.

Hereinafter, exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure will be explained in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a light emitting diode 10 according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 1, the light emitting diode 10 includes a lead frame unit 100 and a light source unit 200 mounted on the lead frame unit 100.

The light source unit 200 is disposed on an upper surface of the lead frame unit 100, which provides a lead frame structure for connecting a light emitting diode chip included in the light source unit 200 to an external circuit. More particularly, the lead frame unit 100 is connected to first and second electrode pads of the light emitting diode chip included in the light source unit 200, and supplies a power necessary to emit light from the light source unit 200.

The light source unit 200 emits a light with a predetermined wavelength in response to the power applied thereto from the outside. For example, the light source unit 200 includes the light emitting diode chip, a transparent portion disposed on a front surface of the light emitting diode chip, and a housing surrounding the light emitting diode chip and the transparent portion, and emits light with the predetermined wavelength through the transparent portion. In some exemplary embodiments, the light source unit 200 may further include, for example, a wavelength converter that converts the wavelength of light emitted from the light emitting diode chip.

FIG. 2A is a perspective view of the light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment. FIG. 2B is a cross-sectional view taken along line I-I' of FIG. 2A according to an exemplary embodiment, and FIG. 2C is a cross-sectional view taken along line I-I' of FIG. 2A according to another exemplary embodiment. FIG. 2D is a cross-sectional view of a light emitting diode in which a lead frame unit and a light emitting unit are coupled to each other of FIG. 2A.

Referring to FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B, the lead frame unit 100 includes a body portion 110, a first conductive layer 120, a second conductive layer 130, a connection portion 140, a solder hole 150, and a solder insulating layer 160.

The body portion 110 has an insulating property and serves as a base, on which the first conductive layer 120, the second conductive layer 130, the connection portion 140, and the solder hole 150 are provided.

The body portion 110 may be formed of a material having the insulating property. For example, the body portion 110 may include an organic polymer material. As the organic polymer material, at least one resin selected from an acrylic-based resin, a polyester-based resin, a polyurethane-based resin, an epoxy-based resin, a vinyl-based resin, a polystyrene-based resin, a polyamide-based resin, and a urea-based

resin may be used. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, as long as the material for the body portion 110 has an insulating property.

The body portion 110 may have a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape. In particular, the body portion 110 may have a shape defined by a relatively long length and a relatively small height, and thickness to mount a plurality of light emitting diode chips 20 and 20'. However, the inventive concepts are not limited to on shape of the body portion 110, and in some exemplary embodiments, the body portion 110 may have various shapes other than the rectangular parallelepiped shape.

The body portion 110 may include a first surface, a second surface, and a third surface. The first surface of the body portion 110 may be a surface that makes contact with the light source unit 200, the second surface may be a surface that is opposite to the first surface, and the third surface may be a surface that connects the first surface and the second surface. As such, hereinafter, the first surface may be referred to as the upper surface of the body portion 110, the second surface may be referred to as the lower surface of the body portion 110, and the third surface may be referred to as the side surface of the body portion 110.

The first conductive layer 120 is disposed on the upper surface of the body portion 110 and electrically connected to the light emitting diode chips 20 and 20'. In particular, the first conductive layer 120 may be electrically connected to pad portions 39a, 39b, 39a', and 39b' of the light emitting diode chips 20 and 20'. The power may be supplied to the light emitting diode chips 20 and 20' via the first conductive layer 120.

The first conductive layer 120 may be formed of a material having a conductivity. For example, the first conductive layer 120 may include metal, such as Au, Pt, Pd, Rh, Ni, W, Mo, Cr, Ti, Fe, Cu, Al, Ag, In, and Sn, oxides thereof, and/or nitrides thereof. In addition, the first conductive layer 120 may have a single-layer or multi-layer structure.

The first conductive layer 120 may include a plurality of cathodes and anodes. For example, the first conductive layer 120 may include a first upper electrode 121, a second upper electrode 122, a third upper electrode 123, and a fourth upper electrode 124, and each of the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes 121, 122, 123, and 124 may serve as the cathode or the anode.

The first upper electrode 121, the second upper electrode 122, the third upper electrode 123, and the fourth upper electrode 124 may be disposed on the upper surface of the body portion 110 to be parallel to each other. In particular, the first conductive layer 120 may be provided such that the first upper electrode 121 and the fourth upper electrode 124 are disposed at outermost positions of the body portion 110, and the second upper electrode 122 and the third upper electrode 123 are disposed between the first upper electrode 121 and the fourth upper electrode 124.

When the first upper electrode 121 and the third upper electrode 123 serve as the cathode and the second upper electrode 122 and the fourth upper electrode 124 serve as the anode, a first electrode pad 39a of a first light emitting diode chip 20 connected to the first upper electrode 121 may be a p-type, and a second electrode pad 39b of the first light emitting diode chip 20 connected to the second upper electrode 122 may be an n-type. A first electrode pad 39a' of a second light emitting diode chip 20' may be the p-type, and a second electrode pad 39b' of the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be the n-type.

When the second upper electrode 122 and the fourth upper electrode 124 serve as the anode, a user may identify



whether the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** disposed on the lead frame unit **100** are normally operated by substantially simultaneously applying signals to the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124**. For example, a driving signal provided via a first lower electrode **131** is discharged to a third lower electrode **133** after sequentially passing through the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124**. In this case, the user may identify whether the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** are normally operated.

In addition, different power may be applied to a pair of the first upper electrode **121** and the second upper electrode **122**, and a pair of the third upper electrode **123** and the fourth upper electrode **124**. In this manner, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be independently operated. For example, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be independently operated by respectively connecting an anode and a cathode of a first external power source to the first upper electrode **121** and the second upper electrode **122**, respectively connecting an anode and a cathode of a second external power source to the third upper electrode **123** and the fourth upper electrode **124**, and controlling on/off of the first external power source and the second external power source.

However, the inventive concepts are not limited to a particular arrangement of the first upper electrode **121**, the second upper electrode **122**, the third upper electrode **123**, and the fourth upper electrode **124**, and the arrangement thereof may be variously modified.

The first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** may be arranged to be spaced apart from each other to prevent the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** from being short-circuited with each other.

The first conductive layer **120** may include a cover plate and a bump. For example, the first upper electrode **121** may include a first cover plate **141\_3** and a first bump **41**. However, in some exemplary embodiments, the first bump **41** may be omitted. In this case, the first cover plate **141\_3** may form the first upper electrode **121**.

The bumps may be formed in the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124**, and in particular, first, second, third, and fourth bumps **41**, **42**, **43**, and **44** may be respectively included in the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124**.

The first, second, third, and fourth bumps **41**, **42**, **43**, and **44** are disposed between the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** and the body portion **110** to assist electrical connection between the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** and the body portion **110**. The first, second, third, and fourth bumps **41**, **42**, **43**, and **44** may be formed of a conductive paste. For example, the first, second, third, and fourth bumps **41**, **42**, **43**, and **44** may include metal, such as Cu, AuSn, Al, Au, and Ag.

The second conductive layer **130** is disposed on the lower surface of the body portion **110** and electrically connected to an electrode of an external frame. As described above, the second surface or the lower surface of the body portion **110** may be a surface opposite to the first surface or the upper surface of the body portion **110**, on which the first conductive layer **120** is disposed.

The second conductive layer **130** is disposed above at least a portion of the solder hole **150** defined in the body portion **110**. Accordingly, the second conductive layer **130**

has a shape that covers a portion of the lower surface of the body portion **110** and the solder hole **150**.

The second conductive layer **130** may be formed of a material having a conductivity. For example, the second conductive layer **130** may include metal, such as Au, Pt, Pd, Rh, Ni, W, Mo, Cr, Ti, Fe, Cu, Al, Ag, In, and Sn, oxides thereof, and/or nitrides thereof. In addition, the second conductive layer **130** may have a single-layer or multi-layer structure.

The second conductive layer **130** may include Cu, Ni, and Au sequentially stacked one on another. In this case, Au may be disposed at an outermost position, and Cu may be disposed at an innermost position. When the second conductive layer **130** includes Cu, Ni, and Au, the second conductive layer **130** may be formed by an electroless plating method. In this case, Cu in the second conductive layer **130** may enhance electrical conductivity, and Au in the second conductive layer **130** may increase a bonding force or a solderability between the solder paste, which is provided on the second conductive layer **130**. In addition, Ni provided between Cu and Au may serve as a barrier metal that prevents Au from being diffused into Cu.

Since the second conductive layer **130** has the multi-layer structure of Cu, Ni, and Au, the electrical conductivity and the bonding force with the solder paste may be improved.

The second conductive layer **130** may include a plurality of conductive patterns spaced apart from each other. For example, the second conductive layer **130** may include the first lower electrode **131**, a second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133**.

The first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133** may be disposed on the lower surface of the body portion **110** to be parallel to each other. In addition, the first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133** may be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined distance to prevent the first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133** from being short-circuited with each other.

In addition, the second lower electrode **132** may be provided as two portions spaced apart from each other or as a single portion. When the second lower electrode **132** is provided as two portions spaced apart from each other, the two portions may be connected to a second connection portion **142** and a third connection portion **143**, respectively.

The first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133** may be disposed to overlap with the first upper electrode **121**, the second upper electrode **122**, the third upper electrode **123**, and the fourth upper electrode **124** when viewed in a plan view. For example, the first lower electrode **131** may be disposed to overlap with the first upper electrode **121** when viewed in a plan view, the third lower electrode **133** may be disposed to overlap with the fourth upper electrode **124** when viewed in a plan view, and the second lower electrode **132** may be disposed to overlap with the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** when viewed in a plan view.

The first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133** may perform different functions from each other on the lead frame unit **100**. For example, the first lower electrode **131** may serve as the cathode, and the third lower electrode **133** may serve as the anode. The second lower electrode **132** may be provided as two portions spaced apart from each other, and the portion closer to the first lower electrode **131** may serve as the anode, and the portion closer to the third lower electrode **133** may serve as the cathode.



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According to another exemplary embodiment, the first lower electrode **131** and the third lower electrode **133** may serve as the cathode, and the second lower electrode **132** provided as a single portion may serve as the anode.

The connection portion **140** is disposed between the first conductive layer **120** and the second conductive layer **130** and penetrates through the body portion **110**. The connection portion **140** has a conductivity. Therefore, the first conductive layer **120** and the second conductive layer **130** may be electrically connected to each other by the connection portion **140**.

The connection portion **140** penetrates the body portion **110** in a height direction. In particular, the connection portion **140** penetrates the body portion **110** in a direction substantially perpendicular to the upper or lower surface of the body portion **110**.

At least a portion of the connection portion **140** may be disposed above a through hole defined through the body portion **110**, and a portion of the connection portion **140** may have a shape determined by the shape of the through hole.

The connection portion **140** may be provided in a plural number. The connection portion **140** may include a first connection portion **141**, the second connection portion **142**, the third connection portion **143**, and a fourth connection portion **144**. The first, second, third, and fourth connection portions **141**, **142**, **143**, and **144** may be connected to the first conductive layer **120** and the second conductive layer **130**. For example, the first connection portion **141** may connect the first upper electrode **121** of the first conductive layer **120** to the first lower electrode **131** of the second conductive layer **130**. The second and third connection portions **142** and **143** may connect the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** to the second lower electrode **132**. The fourth connection portion **144** may connect the fourth upper electrode **124** to the third lower electrode **133**.

As the connection portion **140** connects the electrodes disposed on the upper and lower surfaces of the body portion **110**, the driving signal and the power from the outside may be applied to the light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** through the second conductive layer **130**, the connection portion **140**, and the first conductive layer **120**. In particular, since one second lower electrode **132** is connected to two upper electrodes **122** and **123**, the same driving signal and power may be applied to the two upper electrodes **122** and **123**. More particularly, the first light emitting diode chip **20** mounted on the second upper electrode **122** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** mounted on the third upper electrode **123** may be connected to each other in series.

The connection portion **140** may be provided in a VIA plug form. For example, with reference to the first connection **141**, the first connection portion **141** may include a connection portion conductive layer **141\_1**, a plug **141\_2**, and a cover plate **141\_3**.

The connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may be disposed on a surface that defines the through hole penetrating through the body portion **110**. For example, the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may be a thin conductive layer covering the surface that defines the through hole. Accordingly, the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may include a conductive material. As the conductive material, metal, such as Au, Pt, Pd, Rh, Ni, W, Mo, Cr, Ti, Fe, Cu, Al, Ag, In, and Sn, oxides thereof, and/or nitrides thereof may be used. The connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may be formed on the surface that defines the through hole by plating the metal described above.

The connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** is electrically connected to the first conductive layer **120** on the

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upper surface of the body portion **110** and electrically connected to the second conductive layer **130** on the lower surface of the body portion **110**.

The plug **141\_2** may be formed by filling an electrically conductive material or an electrically nonconductive material in the through hole and on the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1**. Accordingly, the shape of the plug **141\_2** may be changed depending on the shape of the through hole and the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1**. For example, when the through hole has a cylindrical shape, the plug **141\_2** filled in the through hole may also have a substantially cylindrical shape.

In an exemplary embodiment, the plug **141\_2** may fill the through hole tightly. As the plug **141\_2** fills the through hole, a structural stability of the connection portion **140** may be improved.

For example, the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** having a thin film shape may be broken by a distortion of the body portion **110** or an external impact. However, since the plug **141\_2** provided with the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** buffers the distortion of the body portion **110** or the external impact, the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may be protected therefrom. As such, the structural stability of the connection portion **140** may be improved.

The plug **141\_2** may be formed of the electrically conductive material or the electrically nonconductive material. The electrically conductive material may be a Cu paste, and the electrically nonconductive material may be an epoxy resin. When the plug **141\_2** is formed using the Cu paste, the plug **141\_2** may serve as a heat exhaust port through which heat generated from the light source unit escapes.

The cover plate **141\_3** is disposed above the upper surface and/or the lower surface of the body portion **110** to cover the through hole. The cover plate **141\_3** may reinforce the electrical connection and the mechanical connection between the connection portion **140** and the first and second conductive layers **120** and **130**. In detail, the cover plate **141\_3** is provided to cover an upper surface and/or a lower surface of the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** and prevents the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** from being disconnected from the first conductive layer **120** or the second conductive layer **130**.

The cover plate **141\_3** may overlap with the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** when viewed in a plan view. In detail, since the cover plate **141\_3** is provided to cover the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1**, the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** may not be exposed on the upper surface or the lower surface of the body portion **110**. In this case, the cover plate **141\_3** may have substantially the same shape as the connection portion conductive layer **141\_1** on the upper surface and the lower surface of the body portion **110**.

The solder hole **150** may have a shape recessed from the lower surface of the body portion **110** by removing a portion of the lower surface of the body portion **110**. In detail, the solder hole **150** may have a shape, in which a portion of the lower surface is removed to a predetermined depth, and thus, the solder hole **150** formed over the second surface (or the bottom surface) and the third surface (or the side surface) of the body portion **110** may be provided.

The solder hole **150** may have different shapes when viewed from the second and third sides of the body portion **110**. For example, the solder hole **150** may have a semi-circular shape or a semi-elliptical shape when viewed from the second side of the body portion **110**. In addition, the solder hole **150** may have a pentagonal shape when viewed



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on the third side of the body portion **110**. Detailed descriptions of the shape of the solder hole **150** will be described later.

The solder hole **150** allows the light emitting diode **10** to be connected to an external frame. In detail, the light emitting diode **10** and the external frame may be connected to each other by the solder paste provided in the solder hole **150**.

The solder hole **150** may be provided in a plural number. According to an exemplary embodiment, for example, the solder hole **150** may include a first solder hole **151**, a second solder hole **152**, and a third solder hole **153**. The first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may be provided to be spaced apart from each other. In addition, the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may have the same or different shapes.

The solder hole **150** may be spaced apart from the through hole. Accordingly, an unnecessary connection between the solder hole **150** and the through hole may be prevented from occurring.

The second conductive layer **130** may be provided in the solder hole **150**. Accordingly, when the solder paste is provided in the solder hole **150**, the second conductive layer **130** and the solder paste may be connected to each other. The second conductive layer **130** provided in the solder hole **150** may be connected to at least one of the first lower electrode **131**, the second lower electrode **132**, and the third lower electrode **133**.

According to an exemplary embodiment, since the first, second, third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** are provided in the light emitting diode **10**, a stable electrical and mechanical connection may be established between the light emitting diode **10** and the external frame. In particular, the solder hole **150** according to an exemplary embodiment may have the semi-circular or semi-elliptical shape when viewed on the lower surface of the body portion **110**, and may have the pentagonal shape when viewed on the side surface of the body portion **110**, and thus, the light emitting diode **10** and the external frame may be more stably connected to each other. The shape of the solder hole **150** will be described in detail later.

The solder insulating layer **160** is formed on the lower surface of the body portion **110**.

The solder insulating layer **160** is disposed between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** to prevent a short circuit between the second conductive layer **130** and/or the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**. The solder insulating layer **160** may have various shapes. The shape of the solder insulating layer **160** will be described in detail later.

In some exemplary embodiments, the solder insulating layer **160** may be omitted when the light source unit includes the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**.

The light source unit **200** may include a light transmission portion **220** and the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'**. The first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** may emit lights having the same wavelength or different wavelengths. For example, the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** may emit lights having the wavelength of about 449 nm. As another example, the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** may emit lights having the wavelengths of about 448 nm and about 450 nm, respectively, or lights having the wavelengths of about 447 nm and about 451 nm, respectively. Although the first and second light emitting diode chips **20** and **20'** emit lights having different wavelengths

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from each other, the light source unit **200** may be manufactured such that an average wavelength of lights emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** is about 449 nm. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, each of the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may emit light having a wavelength different from the wavelength of about 449 nm.

The first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be substantially simultaneously operated or independently operated.

The first light emitting diode chip **20** includes the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b**. The second light emitting diode chip **20'** includes two electrode pads **39a'** and **39b'**. In the first light emitting diode chip **20**, the first electrode pad **39a** is electrically connected to the first upper electrode **121**, and the second electrode pad **39b** is electrically connected to the second upper electrode **122**. Accordingly, the electrical signal may be applied to the first light emitting diode chip **20** via the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b**.

The first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** may function differently depending on the connection form with the external power source. For example, the first upper electrode **121** and the fourth upper electrode **124** may serve as the cathode, and the second upper electrode **122** and the third upper electrode **123** may serve as the anode. In some exemplary embodiments, the first upper electrode **121** and the third upper electrode **123** may serve as the cathode, and the second upper electrode **122** and the fourth upper electrode **124** may serve as the anode.

The first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may be disposed to overlap with the first upper electrode **121** and the second upper electrode **122**, respectively, when viewed in a plan view. In addition, the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may have a size greater than, smaller than, or equal to a size of the first upper electrode **121** and the second upper electrode **122**. Since the above-mentioned components overlap with each other when viewed in a plan view, and the first upper electrode **121** and the second upper electrode **122** have a relatively large surface area, the first light emitting diode chip **20** may be easily mounted on the lead frame unit **100**.

Referring to FIG. 2C, a first bump conductive layer and a second bump conductive layer may be further disposed above the first bump **41**. The first bump conductive layer and the second bump conductive layer may be sequentially stacked above the first bump **41**. The first bump conductive layer and the second bump conductive layer may assist the electrical connection and the mechanical connection between the first upper electrode **121** and the first electrode pad **39a**. More particularly, the first bump conductive layer may cover a side surface of the first bump **41**, thereby rendering the electrical connection and the mechanical connection more stable. According to an exemplary embodiment, the first bump conductive layer may include nickel (Ni), and the second bump conductive layer may include gold (Au).

Referring to FIG. 2D, the light source unit **200** may include the first light emitting diode chip **20**, the second light source diode chip **20'**, the wavelength converter **210**, and the light transmission portion **220**.

The wavelength converter **210** may be disposed on the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light source diode chip **20'** and may convert the wavelength of the light



emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light source diode chip **20'** to a specific wavelength band.

The wavelength converter **210** may include a fluorescent material to perform the above function of converting the wavelength band. The fluorescent material included in the wavelength converter **210** may absorb the light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** and may emit a light having a wavelength band different from the absorbed light.

The fluorescent material included in the wavelength converter **210** may be, but not limited to, a fluorine-based fluorescent material. When the wavelength converter **210** includes the fluorine-based fluorescent material, a wavelength conversion efficiency may be superior, but the fluorescent material may be vulnerable to moisture. Since the light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure has a structure that prevents the moisture from entering the wavelength converter **210**, there is no risk of deterioration of the fluorescent material by moisture while using a highly efficient fluorescent material. The structure of the wavelength converter **210** that performs the above-described function will be described in detail hereinbelow.

The wavelength converter **210** may include a plurality of layers spaced apart from each other. For example, the wavelength converter **210** disposed on the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the wavelength converter **210** disposed on the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be different types from each other. As an example, a first wavelength converter is disposed on the first light emitting diode chip **20**, a second wavelength converter is disposed on the second light emitting diode chip **20'**, and the first wavelength converter and the second wavelength converter may be different types from each other. Accordingly, although the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** emit the lights having the same wavelength, the lights emitted from the light transmission portion **220** after passing through the wavelength converter **210** may have different wavelengths from each other. For example, when the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** emit a white light, light exiting from an area provided with the first light emitting diode chip **20** may be light having a blue wavelength band, and light exiting from an area provided with the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be light having a red wavelength band.

The light transmission portion **220** transmits lights emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** to the outside. Therefore, the light transmission portion **220** may be optically transparent. The light transmission portion **220** may perform a protective function to prevent the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** from being damaged by external impact or moisture.

The light transmission portion **220** may include a partition wall disposed between the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**. The partition wall may prevent a color mixture of light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**.

According to an exemplary embodiment, the wavelength converter **210** has a wavelength converter thickness **T1** in a cross-section, and the light transmission portion **220** has a light transmission portion thickness **T2**. In this case, the wavelength converter thickness **T1** may be smaller than the light transmission portion thickness **T2**. The wavelength

converter **210** may be configured to have a relatively high density of the fluorescent material, and thus the wavelength conversion may sufficiently occur even when the wavelength converter **210** having a relatively small thickness is used. Therefore, the wavelength conversion may be sufficiently performed even though the wavelength converter thickness **T1** is smaller than the light transmission portion thickness **T2**. Since the wavelength converter thickness **T1** is smaller than the light transmission portion thickness **T2**, the light emitting diode may be slim.

When viewed in a plan view, the first light emitting diode chip **20** has a light emitting diode chip width **H1**, the wavelength converter **210** has a wavelength converter width **H2**, and the light transmission portion **220** has a light transmission portion width **H3**. The light emitting diode chip width **H1** may be smaller than the wavelength converter width **H2**, and the wavelength converter width **H2** may be smaller than the light transmission portion width **H3**. Thus, when viewed from a cross-section, the first light emitting diode chip **20**, the wavelength converter **210**, and the light transmission portion **220** may be sequentially stacked in a stepped shape.

As the light transmission portion width **H3** is greater than the wavelength converter width **H2** in the light source unit **200**, moisture may be prevented from entering the wavelength converter **210** along an edge of the light transmission portion **220**. In addition, since the light transmission portion thickness **T2** is relatively large, moisture may be prevented from entering the wavelength converter **210** after passing through the light transmission portion **220**. Accordingly, although the density of the fluorescent material in the wavelength converter **210** is high, there is no risk of deformation and deterioration of the fluorescent material by moisture.

Since the wavelength converter width **H2** is greater than the light emitting diode chip width **H1** in the light source unit **200**, the light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** and/or the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be incident into the wavelength converter **210** without loss. Therefore, the light efficiency of the light emitting diode is superior because no light is lost.

According to an exemplary embodiment, since the light transmission portion width **H3** is greater than the wavelength converter width **H2** in the light source unit **200**, a high efficiency wavelength converter **210** having the high fluorescent material density may be used, and thus the wavelength converter thickness **T1** may become relatively thin. Accordingly, the light emitting diode according to the exemplary embodiment may be slim with excellent light efficiency.

Hereinafter, the first conductive layer **120** and the second conductive layer **130** provided on the upper and lower surfaces of the body portion **110** will be more described in detail.

FIGS. **3A** to **3E** are plan views showing a first surface and a second surface of a lead frame unit according to exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. **3A**, the first conductive layer **120** is disposed on the first surface (or the upper surface) of the body portion **110**. The first conductive layer **120** may include a plurality of patterns spaced apart from each other. For example, the first conductive layer **120** may include the first upper electrode **121**, the second upper electrode **122**, the third upper electrode **123**, and the fourth upper electrode **124**.

Hereinafter, the structure and functions of the first conductive layer **120** according to an exemplary embodiment



will be described with reference to the first upper electrode **121**. It is noted that, however, the structures and functions of the first upper electrode **121** may be applied to the second upper electrode **122**, the third upper electrode **123**, and the fourth upper electrode **124**.

The first upper electrode **121** includes a circular portion **121\_1** and an elongated portion **121\_2**.

The circular portion **121\_1** has a substantially circular shape and is provided integrally with the elongated portion **121\_2**. As shown in FIG. 3A, the circular portion **121\_1** has a diameter  $W_p$  greater than a width  $W_e$  of the elongated portion **121\_2**. Since the diameter  $W_p$  of the circular portion **121\_1** is greater than the width  $W_e$  of the elongated portion **121\_2**, the through hole may be easily formed in the circular portion **121\_1**.

The circular portion **121\_1** and the connection portion **140** may be disposed to overlap with each other when viewed in a plan view. Accordingly, a position of the circular portion **121\_1** may be determined depending on a position of the connection portion **140**. For example, as shown in FIG. 3A, the circular portions of the first and second upper electrodes **121** and **122** are disposed to be spaced apart from each other with the elongated portions of the first and second upper electrodes **121** and **122** interposed therebetween, and the circular portions of the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** are disposed to be closer to each other without the elongated portions of the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** interposed therebetween.

In more detail, the circular portions is disposed as shown in FIG. 3A because the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** share one second lower electrode **132**. The second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** are required to overlap with the second lower electrode **132** when viewed in a plan view to connect the second and third upper electrodes **122** and **123** to the second lower electrode **132**. To this end, the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** are positioned close to each other, and the circular portions corresponding to the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** are also positioned close to each other. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and the positions of the circular portions may be changed depending on the arrangement of the anode and cathode.

The elongated portion **121\_2** is disposed at one side of the circular portion **121\_1** and formed integrally with the circular portion **121\_1**. The elongated portion **121\_2** connects the light emitting diode chip disposed on the first conductive layer **120** to the first conductive layer **120**. In detail, the pad portion disposed under the light emitting diode chip may be placed on the elongated portion **121\_2** of the first conductive layer **120**. Accordingly, the driving signal and the power may be applied to the light emitting diode chip via the elongated portion **121\_2**.

The elongated portion **121\_2** has the width  $W_e$  smaller than that of the circular portion **121\_1** but has a length longer than that of the circular portion **121\_1**. In detail, the elongated portion **121\_2** may have a shape elongated substantially parallel to a longitudinal direction of the upper surface of the body portion **110**. Since the elongated portion **121\_2** has a shape elongated substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction, the pad portion of the light emitting diode chip may be easily placed on the elongated portion **121\_2**. That is, since an area of the elongated portion **121\_2**, which makes contact with the pad portion of the light emitting diode chip, is wide, the light emitting diode chip may be easily mounted on the elongated portion **121\_2**.

The circular portion **121\_1** and the elongated portion **121\_2** may be disposed in the body portion **110** when viewed in a plan view. Accordingly, when the light emitting diode is viewed from the side surface, the elongated portion **121\_2** and the circular portion **121\_1** may not be exposed to the outside. The diameter  $W_p$  of the circular portion **121\_1** may be smaller than the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110** so as not to expose the elongated portion **121\_2** and the circular portion **121\_1** at the side surface of the body portion **110**.

For example, the diameter  $W_p$  of the circular portion **121\_1** may be within a range from about 30% to about 60% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**. When the circular portion **121\_1** has the diameter  $W_p$  described above, the through hole may be more easily formed, and the circular portion **121\_1** may not be exposed at the side surface of the body portion **110**. In addition, since the first upper electrode **121** is not exposed at the side surface of the body portion **110**, the first upper electrode **121** may be prevented from being oxidized by external oxygen and moisture. Further, the moisture may be prevented from entering the lead frame unit **100** along the first upper electrode **121**, and the exposed first upper electrode **121** and other components may be prevented from being short-circuited with each other.

A thickness  $W_e$  of the elongated portion **121\_2** may be within a range from about 30% to about 60% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**. Since the thickness  $W_e$  of the elongated portion **121\_2** is relatively smaller than the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**, the elongated portion **121\_2** may be stick out from the body portion **110**. Thus, the elongated portion **121\_2** may be prevented from being short-circuited with other components.

The width  $W_e$  of the elongated portion **121\_2** may be smaller than the diameter  $W_p$  of the circular portion **121\_1**. Accordingly, a via hole may be stably formed in the circular portion **121\_1** having a relatively large diameter. However, in some exemplary embodiments, the width of the elongated portion **121\_2** may be equal to the diameter of the circular portion **121\_1**. Various shapes of the circular portion **121\_1** and the elongated portion **121\_2** will be described in more detail later.

Referring to FIGS. 3B and 3C, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** are mounted on the upper surface of the body portion **110**.

In this case, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** are disposed such that at least a portion of the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** overlaps with the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** when viewed in a plan view.

According to FIG. 3B, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** cover some portions of the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** when viewed in a plan view, while exposing some portions of the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** when viewed in a plan view. For example, as shown in figures, the elongated portions of the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** may be covered by the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**, however, some portions of the circular portions of the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** may be exposed.

In this manner, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** having relatively small sizes may be easily mounted on the first, second, third,



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and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124**, which occupy a relatively larger area.

Referring to FIG. 3C, according to another exemplary embodiment, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** are disposed to completely cover the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** when viewed in a plan view.

In this case, the areas at which the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** overlap the first, second, third, and fourth upper electrodes **121**, **122**, **123**, and **124** may be increased. As such, the electrical connection between the components may be maintained more stably, and the heat dissipation efficiency may be improved.

FIGS. 3D and 3E are plan views of the second surface of the lead frame unit according to exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. 3D, the second conductive layer **130** is disposed on the second surface (or the lower surface) of the body portion **110**. The second conductive layer **130** includes a plurality of patterns spaced apart from each other. For example, the second conductive layer **130** includes the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133**.

Hereinafter, the second conductive layer **130** according to an exemplary embodiment will be described with reference to the first lower electrode **131**.

The first lower electrode **131** includes a lower circular portion **131\_1** and a lower elongated portion **131\_2**.

The lower circular portion **131\_1** and the lower elongated portion **131\_2** of FIG. 3D are substantially similar to the circular portion **121\_1** and the elongated portion **121\_2** of the first conductive layer **120** of FIG. 3A, respectively. As such, the same or substantially similar components will be assigned with the same or similar reference numerals, and repeated or redundant descriptions thereof will be omitted.

The lower circular portion **131\_1** has a substantially circular shape and is provided integrally with the lower elongated portion **131\_2**. The lower circular portion **131\_1** has a diameter greater than a width of the lower elongated portion **131\_2**.

The lower circular portion **131\_1** may be disposed to overlap with the circular portion **121\_1** of the first conductive layer **120** when viewed in a plan view. Accordingly, the first connection portion **141** may be provided in a shape extending from the circular portion **121\_1** to the lower circular portion **131\_1**.

The lower elongated portion **131\_2** may be disposed at one side of the lower circular portion **131\_1** and may surround the first solder hole **151**. For example, the lower elongated portion **131\_2** may be disposed along an edge of the first solder hole **151**. Therefore, when the solder paste is provided in the first solder hole **151**, the solder paste may be electrically connected to the lower elongated portion **131\_2** disposed at the edge of the first solder hole **151**.

The second lower electrode **132** may include two lower circular portions. The two lower circular portions are respectively connected to the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143**. Further, the two lower circular portions of the second lower electrode **132** may be connected to the circular portion of the second upper electrode **122** and the circular portion of the third upper electrode **123**, respectively.

According to another exemplary embodiment, the second lower electrode **132** may be divided into two portions with respect to the second solder hole **152**. Thus, the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** may be electrically independent from each other. Accord-

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ingly, in some implementations, an electricity may be applied only to the second connection portion **142** and the first connection portion **141**, and the electricity may not be applied to the third connection portion **143** and the fourth connection portion **144**.

The plug **141\_2** of the first connection portion **141** and the first solder hole **151** may be separated from each other by a predetermined distance. For example, the plug **141\_2** of the first connection portion **141** and the first solder hole **151** may be separated from each other by about 40  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . When the separation distance between the plug **141\_2** of the first connection portion **141** and the first solder hole **151** is less than about 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , the through hole may penetrate the first solder hole **151** due to a process error during the process of forming the through hole for the plug **141\_2**. In addition, when the separation distance between the plug **141\_2** of the first connection portion **141** and the first solder hole **151** exceeds about 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , the size of the lead frame unit **100** may be excessively large.

The second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** may be disposed to be spaced apart from the second solder hole **152** by about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or more when viewed from the lower surface (or the second surface) of the body portion **110**. When the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143** are spaced apart from the second solder hole **152** by the above-described minimum distance, unintended electrical connections may be prevented from occurring.

The first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may have a semi-circular or semi-elliptical shape when viewed from the lower surface (or the second surface) of the body portion **110**. In detail, the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may have a shape recessed inward from the third surface of the body portion **110** when viewed from the second surface. For example, the semi-circular or semi-elliptical shape of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** when viewed from the second surface may have a chord parallel to the third surface and a round arc inside the body portion **110**.

The third solder hole **153** may have a solder hole height  $W_s$ , which is a depth of the third solder hole **153**, in a range from about 10% to about 50% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**. In more detail, when the solder hole height  $W_s$  is less than about 10% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**, a crack may occur in the body portion **110** when external impacts are applied to the light emitting diode or the external frame, and the solder paste penetrates along the crack, thereby causing the short circuit. When the solder hole height  $W_s$  exceeds about 50% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**, an excessive amount of the solder paste may be used considering a contact area of the solder paste, and thus, the light emitting diode may not be fixed to and may be separated from the external frame. As described above, since the solder hole height  $W_s$  is within the range from about 10% to about 50% of the thickness  $W_t$  of the body portion **110**, the short circuit caused by the crack may be prevented, and the light emitting diode may be stably fixed to the external frame.

Referring to FIG. 3E, a second conductive layer **130'** including first, second, and third lower electrodes **131'**, **132'**, and **133'**, and first, second, and third solder holes **151'**, **152'**, and **153'** according to another exemplary embodiment have different shapes from those of the second conductive layer **130** and the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** shown in FIG. 3D.

In detail, each of the first, second, and third solder holes **151'**, **152'**, and **153'** has a solder hole diameter  $D_s$  and a



solder hole height  $W_s$ , and the solder hole diameter  $D_s$  may be at least two times or more than the solder hole height  $W_s$ . Accordingly, each of the first, second, and third solder holes **151'**, **152'**, and **153'** may have a semi-elliptical shape.

As described above, since the first, second, and third solder holes **151'**, **152'**, and **153'** are formed to have the relatively small solder hole height  $W_s$ , the area of the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131'**, **132'**, and **133'** may be widened at the lower surface of the body portion. In this manner, the heat dissipation efficiency via the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131'**, **132'**, and **133'** may be improved.

In addition, the second lower electrode **132'** according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment may be provided as a single unitary form without being divided into two portions with respect to the second solder hole **152**. When the second lower electrode **132'** is provided in the single unitary form, the electricity applied to the second lower electrode **132'** may be substantially simultaneously applied to the second connection portion **142** and the third connection portion **143**.

FIGS. 4A to 4G are plan views showing the second surface of the lead frame unit according to exemplary embodiments.

Referring to FIG. 4A, the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** and the solder insulating layer **160** are disposed on the second surface (or the lower surface) of the body portion **110**.

The solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** to prevent the short circuit from occurring between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**. Accordingly, the solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed to surround peripheries of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**. For example, the solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed outside the first solder hole **151** and the third solder hole **153**, and between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**.

The solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed to cover at least a portion of the second conductive layer formed between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** on the second surface of the body portion **110**. For example, the second conductive layer has the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** on the second surface of the body portion **110**, and the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may be disposed to surround the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**, respectively. In this case, the solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed between the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** that surround the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**, respectively. In detail, the solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed between the first lower electrode **131** surrounding the first solder hole **151** and the second lower electrode **132** surrounding the second solder hole **152**, and between the second lower electrode **132** and the third lower electrode **133** surrounding the third solder hole **153**. When the solder insulating layer **160** is provided in the above-described manner, the short circuit may not occur between the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** even when different electrical signals are applied to the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133**.

The solder insulating layer **160** may include an insulating material. For example, the solder insulating layer **160** may include various insulating materials, such as polyamide, polyimide, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, epoxy resin, urethane resin, and phenol resin.

As for the shape of the second surface of the lead frame unit, the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may have the solder hole height  $W_s$  on the second surface. In addition, each of the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may have a lower electrode width  $W_b$  from one end of a corresponding of a solder hole among the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** to the other end facing the one end of the corresponding solder hole. Further, the body portion **110** may have a body portion margin  $W_c$  from one end of each of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** to a facing end of the body portion **110**.

A predetermined relationship may be established between the above-described solder hole height  $W_s$ , the lower electrode width  $W_b$ , and the body portion margin  $W_c$ , and thus the structural stability of the light emitting diode may be secured. In detail, the solder hole height  $W_s$  may be greater than the lower electrode width  $W_b$ , and the body portion margin  $W_c$  may be greater than the solder hole height  $W_s$ .

According to an exemplary embodiment, as for the relationship between the solder hole height  $W_s$  and the lower electrode width  $W_b$ , when the body portion **110** is coupled to the external frame by the solder paste, the body portion **110** may be prevented from being separated since the solder hole height  $W_s$  is set greater than the lower electrode width  $W_b$ . In detail, when the solder hole height  $W_s$  is equal to or smaller than the lower electrode width  $W_b$ , the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may be spread too wide on the second surface of the body portion **110**. In this case, the body portion **110** may be pulled toward the external frame while the spreading solder paste hardens, and thus, a portion of the body portion **110** and the light source unit may be separated from the external frame.

In addition, the body portion margin  $W_c$  may be greater than the solder hole height  $W_s$ . When the body portion margin  $W_c$  is greater than the solder hole height  $W_s$ , the rigidity of the body portion **110** may be secured. In detail, when the solder hole height  $W_s$  is equal to or greater than the body portion margin  $W_c$ , an empty space may be excessively increased in the body portion **110**, and the rigidity of the body portion **110** may be lowered. In this case, the body portion **110** may be easily bent or damaged particularly due to an external force applied to a lateral direction (a direction perpendicular to the solder hole height  $W_s$ ) of the body portion **110**.

As such, according to an exemplary embodiment, a portion of the body portion **110** may be exposed on the lower surface of the body portion **110**. In detail, the solder insulating layer **160** and/or the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may not be provided on a portion of the lower surface of the body portion **110**.

Referring to FIGS. 4B to 4E, solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** according to exemplary embodiments may have various shapes. In detail, the shape of the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'**, and **160''''** disposed adjacent to the first solder hole **151** may be different from the shape of the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'**, and **160''''** disposed adjacent to the second solder hole **152** or the third solder hole **153**.

In this manner, the types of electrode may be easily identified, and thus, the electrode may be prevented from being connected incorrectly. For example, it may be easily identified that the first solder hole **151** is connected to the cathode based on the shape of the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'**, and **160''''**, and thus, the first solder hole



**151** may be prevented from being incorrectly connected to the anode of the external frame.

However, the inventive concepts are not limited to the shape change of only the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** disposed adjacent to the first solder hole **151**. For example, in some exemplary embodiments, the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** disposed adjacent to the second solder hole **152** connected to the anode may have a different shape from that of the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** disposed adjacent to the first solder hole **151** or the third solder hole **153**. In addition to the shapes shown in FIGS. 4B to 4E, the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** may have be formed to have various shapes as long as the electrical connection between the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** and the external frame is not impeded. For example, in some exemplary embodiments, the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** may be disposed to completely cover the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**. In this case, the solder insulating layers **160'**, **160''**, **160'''**, and **160''''** may mechanically assist the components provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** to not protrude out from the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** due to an external pressure.

Referring to FIGS. 4F and 4G, according to exemplary embodiments, first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may have a bent shape in areas facing the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**, respectively. In detail, the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may have a shape protruding from an opposite surface to the surface provided with the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** in areas adjacent to the solder insulating layer **160**. Accordingly, the body portion **110**, which is exposed without being covered by the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** and the solder insulating layer **160**, may have substantially a hexagonal shape as shown in figures.

Since the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** have the above-described shape in FIG. 4F, the electrical connection between the first to fourth connection portions, e.g., the connection conductive layer of the first to fourth connection portions provided via the through hole, and the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may be secured. In addition, as the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** have the above-described shape, the body portion **110** and the light source unit may be prevented from being separated from the external frame when the body portion **110** is connected to the external frame by the solder paste. This is because the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** may not pull the body portion **110** toward the external frame, when the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** penetrates into the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** and hardens.

Referring to FIG. 4G, the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** have a different shape from those shown in FIG. 4F. In detail, the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may have a bent shape, e.g., a gentle curved shape, in areas facing the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**, respectively. Therefore, the exposed portion of the body portion **110** may have a semi-circular shape.

In addition, referring to FIG. 4G, an additional solder insulating layer **161** may be disposed on the exposed portion of the body portion **110**. The additional solder insulating

layer **161** covers the exposed portion of the body portion **110** and prevents the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** from penetrating into the exposed portion of the body portion **110** beyond the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133**. Thus, as described above, the body portion **110** and the light source unit may be prevented from being separated from the external frame when the body portion **110** is connected to the external frame, even though the solder paste is provided in an excessively large area as described above.

FIG. 5A is a plan view of the third surface of the lead frame unit according to an exemplary embodiment, and FIG. 5B is a cross-sectional view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 5A, the body portion **110** may include the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**. The first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** may have a substantially pentagonal shape when viewed from the third surface (or the side surface) of the body portion **110**.

In detail, the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** may have the substantially pentagonal shape extending from the second surface to the first surface when viewed from the third surface. For example, the pentagonal shape of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** may have one side parallel to the second surface, and a vertex opposite to the one side of the pentagonal shape may face the first surface.

Since the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** have the substantially pentagonal shape, a superior heat dissipation characteristic and mechanical stability may be secured when the light emitting diode is connected to the external frame by the solder paste.

In more detail, the first solder hole **151** having the substantially pentagonal shape may have at least one internal angle of about 120 degrees to about 170 degrees when viewed from the side surface. In this case, the internal angle of the pentagonal shape having the angle of the above-mentioned range may be referred to as a vertex angle  $\theta$ . The vertex angle  $\theta$  of the first solder hole **151** may be located at a position closest to the upper surface of the body portion **110**.

When the vertex angle  $\theta$  of the first solder hole **151** has the angle of the above-mentioned range, the solder paste and the light emitting diode may be stably coupled to each other. For example, when the vertex angle is each less than about 120 degrees, an area corresponding to the vertex angle  $\theta$  may be filled with less solder paste. In this case, when the solder paste is cooled, bubbles may be formed in the area of the vertex angle  $\theta$ , and thermal characteristics of the light emitting diode and the external frame may be degraded. When the vertex angle  $\theta$  is greater than about 170 degrees, and the solder paste is cooled, bubbles may be formed in the area of the vertex angle  $\theta$ , and the first solder hole **151** may not be completely filled with the solder paste. In this case, the light emitting diode may be tilted, shifted, or rotated with respect to the external frame without being fixed to the external frame. As described above, the first solder hole **151** according the illustrated exemplary embodiment may have the substantially pentagonal shape having the vertex angle from about 120 degrees to about 170 degrees, and thus not only the thermal characteristics may be improved but also the light emitting diode may be stably fixed to the external frame.

However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, the first solder hole **151** may have a shape different from the shape shown in



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FIG. 5A. For example, the area corresponding to the vertex angle  $\theta$  of the first solder hole **151** may be rounded or chamfered. In this case, the vertex angle  $\theta$  may be an angle formed by extension lines of two straight lines that define the area corresponding to the vertex angle  $\theta$ .

A height  $h_s$  of the first solder hole **151** may be within a range from about 50% to about 80% of a height  $h_t$  of the body portion **110**. As described above, when the height  $h_s$  of the first solder hole **151** is within the range from about 50% to about 80% of the height  $h_t$  of the body portion **110**, the light emitting diode may be stably fixed to the external frame without degrading the structural stability of the body portion **110**.

Referring back to FIG. 1, a second insulating layer may be disposed around the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153** along edges of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**. The second insulating layer may be formed between the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133**, which are spaced apart from each other and respectively disposed in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**.

The first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may be disposed to cover portions of the body portion **110**, which define the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**, and portions of the lower surface of the body portion **110**, which are adjacent to the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**. Accordingly, when the solder paste is provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152** and **153**, the light emitting diode and the external frame may be electrically and stably connected to each other by the solder paste.

Although the lead frame unit of FIG. 5A has been described with reference to the first solder hole **151**, it is noted that, however, the second solder hole **152** and/or the third solder hole **153** may have substantially the same structure as that of the first solder hole **151**.

Referring to FIG. 5A, the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may have a lower electrode thickness  $T$  when viewed from the third surface. The lower electrode thickness  $T$  may be within a range from about 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to about 30  $\mu\text{m}$ . When the lower electrode thickness  $T$  exceeds about 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , an adhesive force between the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** and the body portion **110** may be insufficient, and thus, the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may be separated from the body portion **110**. When the lower electrode thickness  $T$  is less than about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , defects, such as the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** are not being formed in some portions of the first, second, and third lower electrodes **131**, **132**, and **133** may occur, even with small errors in the process, which may significantly reduce the electrical conductivity.

In FIG. 5B, the cross-sectional view of the light emitting diode is shown. The first, second, and third solder holes may have the solder hole height  $W_s$  and a solder hole depth  $h_x$  in the cross-section. The solder hole depth  $h_x$  may be greater than the solder hole height  $W_s$ . Since the solder hole depth  $h_x$  of the first, second, and third solder holes are greater than the corresponding solder hole height  $W_s$ , the adhesive force between the lead frame unit **100** and an external frame **300** may be secured by the solder paste provided in the first, second, and third solder holes. In detail, since the lead frame unit **100** is attached to the external frame **300** by the solder paste in the relatively large surface, the lead frame unit **100** and the light source unit **200** may be prevented from being separated due to the reduction of the adhesive force.

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In addition, the lead frame unit **100** may have a first height  $W_d$  and a second height  $W_e$  in the cross-section. The first height  $W_d$  may be a distance from a surface of the lead frame unit **100** that meets the external frame **300** to the first, second, and third lower electrodes surrounding the first, second, and third solder holes. The second height  $W_e$  may be a height obtained by subtracting the first height  $W_d$  from the thickness of the body portion, e.g., a distance from the first, second, and third lower electrodes to a front surface of the lead frame unit **100**. A relationship between the first height  $W_d$  and the second height  $W_e$  may be established, such that the first height  $W_d$  is smaller than the second height  $W_e$ . Accordingly, the size of the empty space of the lead frame unit **100** for providing the first, second, and third solder holes may be relatively small, and thus, the rigidity of the lead frame unit **100** may be secured.

FIG. 6 is a plan view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 6, the light emitting diode may include the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**. The first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** are disposed to be spaced apart from each other.

Referring to FIG. 6, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be disposed to be spaced apart from each other by a first interval  $IV_1$ . The first interval  $IV_1$  may be within a range from about 470 nm to about 500 nm. When the first interval  $IV_1$  is less than about 470 nm, light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip **20** interferes with light emitted from the second light emitting diode chip **20'**, and light may not be emitted in a desired form. When the first interval  $IV_1$  exceeds about 500 nm, the size of the light emitting diode may become excessively large, and thus, a usability of the light emitting diode may be deteriorated.

Referring to FIG. 6, the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be disposed to be spaced apart from an edge of the light source unit **200** by a predetermined distance. In this case, a distance between the edge of the light source unit **200** and the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'** may be referred to as a "light emitting diode chip margin". The light emitting diode chip margin may vary depending on positions of the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**. For example, as described below, the light emitting diode chip margin may be referred to as second, third, fourth, and fifth intervals  $IV_2$ ,  $IV_3$ ,  $IV_4$ , and  $IV_5$  depending on positions of the first light emitting diode chip **20** and the second light emitting diode chip **20'**.

Referring to FIG. 6, the first light emitting diode chip **20** may be disposed to be spaced apart from one end of the light source unit **200** by a second interval  $IV_2$ . As used herein, the term "one end of the light source unit **200**" may refer to a surface adjacent to the first light emitting diode chip **20** among short surfaces of the light emitting diode. When the light transmission portion is provided to cover the first light emitting diode chip **20**, the light transmission portion may be disposed to be spaced apart from the one end of the light source unit **200** by the second interval  $IV_2$  when viewed from the upper surface of the light emitting diode. The second interval  $IV_2$  may be within a range from about 90 nm to about 110 nm. When the second interval  $IV_2$  is less than about 90 nm, the external force provided from the outside of the light emitting diode or the light source unit **200** may be applied to the first light emitting diode chip **20** without being buffered, and the first light emitting diode chip **20** may be



damaged. When the second interval IV2 exceeds about 110 nm, the size of the light emitting diode may become excessively large, and thus, a usability of the light emitting diode may be deteriorated.

Referring to FIG. 6, the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be disposed to be spaced apart from the other end of the light source unit 200 by a third interval IV3. As used herein, the term "the other end of the light source unit 200" may refer to a surface adjacent to the second light emitting diode chip 20' among the short surfaces of the light emitting diode. The third interval IV3 may be within a range from about 100 nm to about 120 nm. When the third interval IV3 is less than about 100 nm, the external force provided from the outside of the light emitting diode or the light source unit 200 may be applied to the second light emitting diode chip 20' without being buffered, and the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be damaged. When the third interval IV3 exceeds about 120 nm, the size of the light emitting diode may become excessively large, and thus, the usability of the light emitting diode may be deteriorated.

As described above, the third interval IV3 may be greater than the second interval IV2. This is because the surface on which the second light emitting diode chip 20' of the light emitting diode is located may be arranged close to the outside or other components when the light emitting diode is connected to the external frame and applied to other components. Accordingly, the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be exposed to the external force relatively more than the first light emitting diode chip 20. As such, the third interval IV3 may be greater than the second interval IV2 to prevent the second light emitting diode chip 20' from being damaged due to the external force.

The first interval V1 may be greater than the second interval IV2 and the third interval IV3. Accordingly, when viewed from the top of the light source unit 200, the first light emitting diode chip 20 and the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be respectively inclined to different sides of the light source unit 200. Since the first interval V1 may be greater than the second interval IV2 and the third interval IV3, it is possible to prevent unnecessary interference between the light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip 20 and the light emitted from the second light emitting diode chip 20'.

Referring to FIG. 6, the first light emitting diode chip 20 and/or the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be disposed to be spaced apart from a rear surface of the light emitting diode by a fourth interval IV4. The fourth interval IV4 may be about 40 nm. When the fourth interval IV4 is set to about 40 nm, unnecessary electrical connection may be prevented from occurring between the first light emitting diode chip 20 and/or the second light emitting diode chip 20' and the electrodes on the external frame, and the size of the light emitting diode may be formed slim.

In addition, the first light emitting diode chip 20 and/or the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be disposed to be spaced apart from a front surface of the light emitting diode by a fifth interval IV5. The fifth interval IV5 may be within a range from about 45 nm to about 50 nm. When the fifth interval IV5 is less than about 45 nm, the first light emitting diode chip 20 and/or the second light emitting diode chip 20' may be easily damaged due to the external force applied to the front surface of the light emitting diode. When the fifth interval IV5 exceeds about 50 nm, the light emitting diode may become excessively thick.

As described above, the fifth interval IV5 may be greater than the fourth interval IV4. The fourth interval IV4 may be relatively small since the fourth interval IV4 is provided to

prevent unnecessary electrical connection from occurring between the first and/or second light emitting diode chips 20 and/or 20' and the external frame by separating the first and/or second light emitting diode chips 20 and/or 20' from the external frame. On the other hand, the fifth interval IV5 may be relatively large because the fifth interval IV5 may serve to buffer the external force. As the fifth interval IV5 is greater than the fourth interval IV4, the unnecessary electrical connection may be prevented from occurring, the external force may be buffered, and the light emitting diode may be formed slim.

According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, since the first light emitting diode chip 20 and/or the second light emitting diode chip 20' are designed to satisfy a specific distance relationship on the light source unit 200, the light emitting diode may be formed slim, and the light emitting diode may have improved structural stability.

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a light emitting diode according to an exemplary embodiment, FIG. 8A is a perspective view of the light emitting diode of FIG. 7 according to an exemplary embodiment, and FIG. 8B is a cross-sectional view taken along line II-II' of FIG. 8A.

The light emitting diode of FIGS. 7, 8A, and 8B is substantially similar to the light emitting diode of FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B. Accordingly, the same or similar components will be assigned with the same or similar reference numerals, and repeated or redundant descriptions thereof will be omitted to avoid redundancy.

Referring to FIGS. 7, 8A, and 8B, a lead frame unit 100' includes a first solder hole 151' and a second solder hole 152', and a light source unit 200' includes one light emitting diode chip 20.

As compared to the light source unit 200 of FIGS. 1 to 5B that includes two light emitting diode chips, the light source unit 200' according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment shown in FIGS. 7 to 8B includes one light emitting diode chip. As such, the shapes of a first conductive layer 120' and a second conductive layer may be changed.

In more detail, the first conductive layer 120' may include one first upper electrode 121' and one second upper electrode 122'. Pad portions 39a and 39b of the light emitting diode chip 20 may be respectively mounted on the first upper electrode 121' and the second upper electrode 122'.

The second conductive layer may include one first lower electrode 131' and one second lower electrode 132'. The first lower electrode 131' and the second lower electrode 132' may be disposed to overlap with the first upper electrode 121' and the second upper electrode 122', respectively, when viewed in a plan view.

The first upper electrode 121' and the first lower electrode 131' may have substantially the same function as each other. For example, the first upper electrode 121' and the first lower electrode 131' may serve as a cathode. In this case, the second upper electrode 122' and the second lower electrode 132' may serve as an anode. However, in some exemplary embodiments, the first upper electrode 121' and the first lower electrode 131' may serve as the anode, and the second upper electrode 122' and the second lower electrode 132' may serve as the cathode.

The first upper electrode 121' and the second upper electrode 122' may include a cover plate 141\_3 described below. However, according to another exemplary embodiment, the first upper electrode 121' and the second upper electrode 122' may include the cover plate 141\_3 and a bump disposed on the cover plate 141\_3. In some exemplary embodiments, however, the bump may be omitted to thin the lead frame unit 100'.



A first connection portion **141'** and a second connection portion **142'** may be provided to connect the first conductive layer **120'** and the second conductive layer. In detail, the first connection portion **141'** may connect the first upper electrode **121'** and the first lower electrode **131'**, and the second connection portion **142'** may connect the second upper electrode **122'** and the second lower electrode **132'**. The first connection portion **141'** and the second connection portion **142'** may be disposed to penetrate the body portion **110'**.

A first through hole **151'** and a second through hole **152'** are defined in a lower surface of the body portion **110'**. According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, only two through holes **151'** and **152'** may be defined in the body portion **110'**. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, more through holes may be provided in the body portion **110'** in addition to the first through hole **151'** and the second through hole **152'** for heat dissipation, for example.

The first lower electrode **131'** may be disposed in the first through hole **151'**, and the second lower electrode **132'** may be disposed in the second through hole **152'**. The first lower electrode **131'** and the second lower electrode **132'** may be electrically connected to an external frame by a solder paste provided in the first through hole **151'** and the second through hole **152'**. In addition, a driving signal and power provided from the external frame may be applied to the light emitting diode chip **20** via the first lower electrode **131'** and the second lower electrode **132'** disposed in the first through hole **151'** and the second through hole **152'**.

In some exemplary embodiments, a solder insulating layer may be further disposed on the lower surface of the body portion **110'**. However, according to another exemplary embodiment, when one light emitting diode chip **20** is mounted on the body portion **110'**, the solder insulating layer may be omitted to keep the lead frame unit slim.

As described above, the light emitting diode according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment may be formed so that one light emitting diode chip is mounted.

FIGS. **9A** and **9B** are plan views of a first surface and a second surface of the lead frame unit of FIG. **8**, respectively according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **9A**, the first upper electrode **121'** and the second upper electrode **122'** are disposed on a first surface (or an upper surface) of the body portion **110'**. The first upper electrode **121'** includes a circular portion **121\_1'** and an elongated portion **121\_2'**.

The first connection portion **141'** may be disposed in the circular portion **121\_1'**. Since the first connection portion **141'** is disposed in the circular portion **121\_1'** having a relatively large diameter, a through hole required to provide the first connection portion **141'** may be easily formed.

In addition, the pad portion of the light emitting diode chip may be mounted on the elongated portion **121\_2'**. Since the light emitting diode chip is mounted on the elongated portion **121\_2'** having a relatively long length, the light emitting diode chip may be easily mounted.

Referring to FIG. **9B**, the first lower electrode **131'** and the second lower electrode **132'** are disposed on a second surface (or a lower surface) of the body portion **110'**. The first lower electrode **131'** and the second lower electrode **132'** may be disposed to surround an edge of the first through hole **151'** and the second through hole **152'**, respectively.

The first lower electrode **131'** may include a lower circular portion **131\_1'** and a lower elongated portion **131\_2'**. The first connection portion **141** may be disposed in the lower

circular portion **131\_1'**. The lower circular portion **131\_1'** may be disposed to overlap with the circular portion **121\_1'** when viewed in a plan view.

As described above, since one light emitting diode is disposed on the lead frame unit according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, one first upper electrode **121'** and one second upper electrode **122'** may be provided on the upper surface of the body portion **110'**, and one first lower electrode **131'** and one second lower electrode **132'** may be provided on the lower surface of the body portion **110'**.

FIG. **10A** is a plan view of a light source unit according to an exemplary embodiment, FIG. **10B** is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A' of FIG. **10A**, FIG. **10C** is a cross-sectional view taken along line B-B' of FIG. **10A**, FIG. **10D** is a cross-sectional view taken along line C-C' of FIG. **10A**, and FIG. **10E** is a magnified view of M1 in FIG. **10D**.

Referring to FIGS. **10A** to **10E**, the light emitting diode chip **20** of the light source unit is shown in more detail. FIG. **10A** shows the plan view of the light emitting diode chip **20**, and FIGS. **10B**, **10C**, and **10D** show cross-sectional views respectively taken along lines A-A', B-B', and C-C' of FIG. **10A**.

Referring to FIGS. **10A** to **10D**, the light emitting diode chip **20** includes a substrate **21**, a first light emitting cell **C1**, a second light emitting cell **C2**, a reflective structure **31**, first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c**, a first electrode pad **39a**, and a second electrode pad **39b**. In addition, the light emitting diode chip **20** may include a preliminary insulating layer **29**, a lower insulating layer **33**, and a resin layer **37**. In addition, each of the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** includes an n-type semiconductor layer **23**, an active layer **25**, and a p-type semiconductor layer **27**. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the light emitting diode chip has a series multi junction structure, however, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, and the light emitting diode chip may have another structure.

The substrate **21** may be a growth substrate for growing a group III-V nitride-based semiconductor layer, for example, a sapphire substrate, in particular, a patterned sapphire substrate. The substrate **21** may be an insulating substrate, without being limited thereto. When the light emitting cells disposed on the substrate **21** are connected to each other in series, the substrate **21** is required to be insulated from the light emitting cells. Accordingly, when the substrate **21** is insulative or conductive, an insulating material layer may be disposed between the substrate **21** and the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2**, such that the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** are insulated from the substrate **21**. The substrate **21** may have a substantially rectangular shape as shown in FIG. **10A**. A side surface of the substrate **21** may be formed by a laser scribing process and a cracking process using the laser scribing process, for example. In addition, the substrate **21** may be removed from the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** by using a process, such as a laser lift-off process, a chemical lift-off process, or a grinding process.

The first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** are disposed on the substrate **21**. The first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** are separated from each other by a separation area I through which the substrate **21** is partially exposed. As used herein, the separation area I refers to an area provided to separate the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** from each other, and is distinguished from a scribing or dicing area for separating the substrate **21**. Semiconductor layers of the first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** are spaced apart from each other by the



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separation area I. The first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 may be disposed to face each other and may have a substantially square shape or a substantially rectangular shape. In particular, the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 may have the substantially rectangular shape elongated in a direction in which the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 face each other.

Each of the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 includes the n-type semiconductor layer 23, the active layer 25, and the p-type semiconductor layer 27. The n-type semiconductor layer 23, the active layer 25, and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 may be formed of the group III-V nitride-based semiconductor, for example, a nitride-based semiconductor, such as (Al, Ga, In)N. The n-type semiconductor layer 23, the active layer 25, and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 may be grown on the substrate 21 by a metal organic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) method in a chamber, for example. In addition, the n-type semiconductor layer 23 includes an n-type dopant, such as Si, Ge, or Sn, and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 includes a p-type dopant, such as Mg, Sr, or Ba. For example, the n-type semiconductor layer 23 may include GaN or AlGaIn, which includes Si as the dopant, and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 may include GaN or AlGaIn, which includes Mg as the dopant. Each of the n-type semiconductor layer 23 and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 is shown as having a single-layer structure, however, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, these layers may have a multi-layer structure or may include a superlattice layer. The active layer 25 may have a single quantum well structure or a multiple quantum well structure, and a composition ratio of the nitride-based semiconductor may be adjusted to emit a light having a desired wavelength. For example, the active layer 25 may emit a blue light or an ultraviolet light.

The separation area I separates the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 from each other. The substrate 21 is exposed through the semiconductor layers in the separation area I. The separation area I is formed by using a photolithography process. In this case, a photoresist is reflowed using a high-temperature baking process to form a photoresist pattern having a gentle slope, the photoresist pattern is used as a mask to etch the semiconductor layers, and thus, side surfaces may be formed in the separation area I with relatively gentle inclination. In addition, as shown in FIG. 10D, a stepped inclined surface may be formed in the separation area I. The stepped inclined surface may be formed in the separation area I during a process for forming a mesa that exposes the n-type semiconductor layer 23, and by forming the separation area I that exposes the substrate 21.

The first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 face each other with the separation area I interposed therebetween. Hereinafter, side surfaces of the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 facing each other will be referred to as inner side surfaces. In addition, side surfaces of the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 except for the inner side surfaces will be referred to as outer side surfaces. Accordingly, the n-type semiconductor layers 23 of the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2 include the inner and outer side surfaces as well.

For example, the n-type semiconductor layer 23 may include one inner side surface and three outer side surfaces. As shown in FIG. 10D, the outer side surfaces of the n-type semiconductor layers 23 may have a steep slope relative to the inner side surface. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the outer side surfaces of the n-type semiconductor

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layers 23 are described to have the steep slope relative to the inner side surface, however, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto. For example, at least one outer side surface may have the steep slope relative to the inner side surface. As another example, only both outer side surfaces perpendicular to the separation area I may be relatively steeply inclined, and the outer side surface parallel to the separation area I may be inclined gently as the separation area I.

Further, the outer side surfaces, which are relatively steeply inclined, may be substantially parallel to the side surface of the substrate 21. For example, the outer side surfaces of the n-type semiconductor layers 23 may be formed by scribing the n-type semiconductor layer 23 together with the substrate 21, and thus, may be formed with the side surfaces of the substrate 21.

The mesa M is disposed on each n-type semiconductor layer 23. The mesa M may be disposed within an area surrounded by the n-type semiconductor layer 23, and thus, areas near edges adjacent to the outer side surfaces of the n-type semiconductor layer 23 are exposed to the outside without being covered by the mesa M. In addition, a side surface of the mesa M and the side surface of the n-type semiconductor layer 23 are discontinuous to each other on a sidewall of the separation area I, so that the above-mentioned stepped inclined surface may be formed.

The mesa M includes the p-type semiconductor layer 27 and the active layer 25. The active layer 25 is disposed between the n-type semiconductor layer 23 and the p-type semiconductor layer 27. An inner side surface of the mesa M is shown as being inclined as the outer surfaces thereof, however, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto. For example, the inner side surface of the mesa M may be more gently inclined than the outer surfaces thereof. In this manner, a stability of the second contact layer 35b, which will be described later, may be improved.

The mesa M may be provided with a through hole 27a defined through the p-type semiconductor layer 27 and the active layer 25. In some exemplary embodiments, a plurality of through holes may be formed in the mesa M, however, the single through hole 27a may be formed in the mesa M as shown in FIG. 10A. In this case, the through hole 27a may have a substantially circular shape at a center of the mesa M, without being limited thereto. For example, the through hole 27a may have an elongated shape passing through the center of the mesa M.

The reflective structure 31 is disposed on each of the p-type semiconductor layers 27 of the first and second light emitting cells C1 and C2. The reflective structure 31 makes contact with the p-type semiconductor layer 27. The reflective structure 31 may be provided with an opening that exposes the through hole 27a, and may be disposed over substantially the entire area of the mesa M in an upper area of the mesa M. For example, the reflective structure 31 may cover about 80% or more, specifically about 90% or more, of the upper area of the mesa M.

The reflective structure 31 may include a reflective metal layer having a reflective property, and thus, may reflect light generated from the active layer 25 and traveling to the reflective structure 31. For instance, the reflective metal layer may include Ag or Al. In addition, an Ni layer may be disposed between the reflective metal layer and the p-type semiconductor layer 27 to help the reflective structure 31 making an ohmic contact with the p-type semiconductor layer 27. In some exemplary embodiments, the reflective structure 31 may include a transparent oxide layer, such as indium tin oxide (ITO) or zinc oxide (ZnO).



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The preliminary insulating layer **29** may cover the mesa **M** around the reflective structure **31**. The preliminary insulating layer **29** may be formed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  using a chemical vapor deposition method or the like, and may cover the side surface of the mesa **M** and some areas of the n-type semiconductor layer **23**. The preliminary insulating layer **29** may be removed from a lower portion of the inclined surface of the separation area **I**, and may be remained on an upper portion of the inclined surface and a stepped portion of the separation area **I** as shown in FIG. **10D**.

The lower insulating layer **33** covers the mesa **M**, the reflective structure **31**, and the preliminary insulating layer **29**. In addition, the lower insulating layer **33** covers the separation area **I**, the sidewall of the mesa **M**, and portions of the n-type semiconductor layer **23** around the mesa **M**. As shown in an enlarged view of FIG. **10D** and FIG. **10E**, when the substrate **21** is the patterned sapphire substrate, the lower insulating layer **33** may be formed along a shape of protrusions formed on the substrate **21** in the separation area **I**.

The lower insulating layer **33** may be disposed between the first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c**. The first and second light emitting cells **C1** and **C2** and may provide a passage through which the first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c** make contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** or the reflective structure **31**. For example, the lower insulating layer **33** may include a hole **33a** through which the reflective structure **31** is exposed on the first light emitting cell **C1**, a hole **33b** through which the reflective structure **31** is exposed on the second light emitting cell **C2**, and an opening **33c** through which the n-type semiconductor layer **23** is exposed in the through hole **27a**. In addition, the lower insulating layer **33** exposes areas near the edge of the n-type semiconductor layer **23** while covering a periphery of the mesa **M**.

The hole **33a** may have an elongated shape that is substantially parallel to the separation area **I** as shown in FIG. **10A**, and may be disposed closer to the separation area **I** than the through hole **27a**. Accordingly, a current may be injected into a wider area in the reflective structure **31** on the first light emitting cell **C1**. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the reflective structure **31** disposed on the first light emitting cell **C1** is exposed through the single hole **33a**, however, in some exemplary embodiments, the hole **33a** may be provided in a plural number.

The hole **33b** may be defined above the second light emitting cell **C2** and may be provided in a plural number as shown in FIG. **10A**. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, five holes **33b** are shown, however, the inventive concepts are not limited to a particular number of the holes **33b**, and in some exemplary embodiments, less number of holes **33b** or more number of holes **33b** than the five holes **33b** may be arranged. A center of the entire holes **33b** is located farther from the separation area **I** than the center of the mesa **M**. Therefore, the current may be prevented from concentrating near the separation area **I**, and may be distributed in the wide area of the second light emitting cell **C2**.

The opening **33c** exposes the n-type semiconductor layer **23** in the through hole **27a** to provide a passage through which the first contact layer **35a** and the second contact layer **35b** make contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23**.

The lower insulating layer **33** may include an insulating material, such as  $\text{SiO}_2$  or  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$ , and may have a single-layer or multi-layer structure. In addition, the lower insulating layer **33** may include a distributed Bragg reflector formed by repeatedly stacking material layers having different refractive indices from each other, for example,  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{TiO}_2$ . When the lower insulating layer **33** includes the distributed Bragg

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reflector, light incident into an area except for the reflective structure **31** may be reflected, and thus, a light extraction efficiency may be further improved.

The first contact layer **35a** is disposed on the first light emitting cell **C1** and is in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23**. The first contact layer **35a** may be in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** along the periphery of the mesa **M** between the outer side surface of the n-type semiconductor layer **23** and the mesa **M**. In addition, the first contact layer **35a** may be in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** exposed through the opening **33c** of the lower insulating layer **33** in the through hole **27a** of the mesa **M**. Further, the first contact layer **35a** may cover the upper area and the side surface of the mesa **M** except for some areas around the hole **33a**.

The second contact layer **35b** is in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** of the second light emitting cell **C2**, and makes contact with the reflective structure **31** of the first light emitting cell **C1**. Accordingly, the second contact layer **35b** electrically connects the p-type semiconductor layer **27** of the first light emitting cell **C1** and the n-type semiconductor layer **23** of the second light emitting cell **C2**.

The second contact layer **35b** may be in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** along the periphery of the mesa **M** between the outer side surface of the n-type semiconductor layer **23** and the mesa **M**. In addition, the second contact layer **35b** may be in ohmic contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** exposed through the opening **33c** of the lower insulating layer **33** in the through hole **27a** of the mesa **M**. Further, the second contact layer **35b** makes contact with the reflective structure **31** exposed through the hole **33a**. As such, the second contact layer **35b** extends from the second light emitting cell **C2** to the first light emitting cell **C1** after passing through the upper portion of the separation area **I**. In this case, the second contact layer **35b**, which passes through the upper portion of the separation area **I**, is disposed within a width of the mesa **M** as shown in FIG. **10A**. Thus, the second contact layer **35b** may be prevented from being short-circuited with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** of the first light emitting cell **C1**. In addition, since the second contact layer **35b** is relatively gently inclined and passes through the separation area **I** that has a step structure, a process stability may be improved. In some exemplary embodiments, the second contact layer **35b** may be disposed on the lower insulating layer **33** in the separation area **I**, and may be formed to have concave-convex portions along the shape of the lower insulating layer **33**.

The third contact layer **35c** is disposed on the lower insulating layer **33** above the second light emitting cell **C2**. The third contact layer **35c** makes contact with the reflective structure **31** via the holes **33b** of the lower insulating layer **33**, and is electrically connected to the p-type semiconductor layer **27** through the reflective structure **31**. The third contact layer **35c** may be disposed in an area surrounded by the second contact layer **35b**, and may have a shape partially surrounding the second through hole **27a**. The third contact layer **35c** is disposed at the same level as the first and second contact layers **35a** and **35b**, and helps the resin layer **37** and the first and second electrode pads **39a** and **39b** to be easily formed thereon. In some exemplary embodiments, the third contact layer **35c** may be omitted.

According to an exemplary embodiment, the first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c** may be formed by the same process using the same material. The first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c** may include a



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high-reflectance metal layer, such as an Al layer, and the high-reflectance metal layer may be formed on an adhesive layer, e.g., a Ti, Cr, or Ni layer. In addition, a protective layer having a single-layer or multi-layer structure of Ni, Cr, and/or Au may be disposed on the high-reflectance metal layer. In some exemplary embodiments, the first, second, and third contact layers **35a**, **35b**, and **35c** may have a multi-layer structure of Cr/Al/Ni/Ti/Ni/Ti/Au/Ti.

The resin layer **37** is disposed on the first contact layer **35a** and the second contact layer **35b**. The resin layer **37** is provided with a first via hole **37a** defined therethrough to expose the first contact layer **35a**, and a second via hole **37b** defined therethrough to expose the third contact layer **35c**. When viewed in a plan view, the first and second via holes **37a** and **37b** are formed in a shape partially surrounding the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole. When the third contact layer **35c** is omitted in some exemplary embodiments, the lower insulating layer **33** and the holes **33b** of the lower insulating layer **33** may be exposed through the second via hole **37b**.

The resin layer **37** may include concave portions **37c** above the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole **27b**. The concave portions **37c** may be formed to correspond to the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole **27b**.

The resin layer **37** covers the first and second contact layers **35a** and **35b** that make contact with the n-type semiconductor layer **23** in the periphery of the mesa **M**. As shown in FIGS. **10B** to **10D**, an area between the first and second contact layers **35a** and **35b** and the edge of the n-type semiconductor layer **23** may be covered by the resin layer **37**. Accordingly, the first and second contact layers **35a** and **35b** may be protected from an external environment, such as moisture, by the resin layer **37**. The resin layer **37** may cover the second contact layer **35b** on the separation area **I** and may be formed on the separation area **I** to have a concave portion along the shape of the second contact layer **35b**.

The resin layer **37** may include a photosensitive resin, such as a photoresist, and may be formed by a spin coating method, for example. Meanwhile, the first and second via holes **37a** and **37b** may be formed by a photo-development process, without being limited thereto.

The first electrode pad **39a** fills the first via hole **37a** of the resin layer **37** and is electrically connected to the first contact layer **35a**. In addition, the second electrode pad **39b** fills the second via hole **37b** and is electrically connected to the third contact layer **35c**. When the third contact layer **35c** is omitted in some exemplary embodiments, the second electrode pad **39b** may be directly connected to the reflective structure **31**. As shown in FIG. **10A**, the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may partially surround the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole **27b**, respectively, when viewed in a plan view. Thus, the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** partially surround the concave portions **37c**. The first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may surround at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a circumference of the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole **27b**, and in some exemplary embodiments,  $\frac{2}{3}$  or more of the circumference of the first through hole **27a** and the second through hole **27b**. In addition, the first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may protrude upward from the resin layer **37**. Accordingly, deep grooves may be formed above the areas corresponding to the first and second through holes **27a** and **27b**. When the light emitting diode chip **20** is bonded with a conductive adhesive, such as solder, using the grooves, the solder is trapped in the grooves, and thus, the solder may be prevented from

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overflowing to the outside. The first electrode pad **39a** and the second electrode pad **39b** may be confined within the upper area of the mesa **M**.

FIGS. **11A** and **11B** are perspective views of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.

FIG. **11A** is a view exemplarily illustrating a process of attaching the light emitting diode **10** to the external frame **300** using the solder paste **1**. FIG. **11B** is a view of a completed light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **11A**, the light emitting diode **10**, the external frame **300**, and the solder paste **1** attaching the light emitting diode **10** to the external frame **300** are provided.

The solder paste **1** is provided in the first solder hole **151**, the second solder hole **152**, and the third solder hole **153** of the light emitting diode **10**. The first lower electrode of the light emitting diode **10** is electrically connected to a first electrode **310** of the external frame **300** by the solder paste **1** provided in the first solder hole **151**, and a lower anode of the light emitting diode **10** is electrically connected to a third electrode **330** of the external frame **300** by the solder paste **1** provided in the second solder hole **152**. In addition, the third lower electrode of the light emitting diode **10** is electrically connected to a second electrode **320** by the solder paste **1** provided in the third solder hole **153**.

Since the solder paste **1** is inserted into the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** formed inside the lead frame unit **100**, the light emitting diode module according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment may minimize the area occupied by the solder paste **1**, thereby providing a greater degree of miniaturization.

More particularly, as the solder paste **1** is provided in the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** defined over the second surface and the third surface of the body portion **110**, the contact area between the solder paste **1** and the body portion **110** may be increased. Accordingly, the connection between the external frame **300** and the body portion **110** by the solder paste **1** may become more stable.

As used herein, the “solder paste” refers to a final adhesive layer formed using a paste that is a mixture of metal powder, flux, and organic material. In addition, when describing a manufacturing method of the light emitting diode module, the “solder paste” may also refer to the paste that is the mixture of the metal powder, the flux, and the organic material. For example, the solder paste **1** may include Sn and another metal. The solder paste **1** may include about 50% or more, about 60% or more, or about 90% or more of Sn relative to the total metal weight. For example, the solder paste **1** may include a lead-containing solder alloy, such as Sn—Pb or Sn—Pb—Ag alloy, or a lead-free solder alloy, such as Sn—Ag alloy, Sn—Bi alloy, Sn—Zn alloy, Sn—Sb, or Sn—Ag—Cu alloy.

FIG. **11B** shows the light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment. As shown in FIG. **11B**, the light emitting diode module may irradiate light in a direction parallel to the external frame **300**, and thus, the light emitting diode module may be a side-type light emitting diode module.

FIGS. **12A** and **12B** are cross-sectional views of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment. FIGS. **12A** and **12B** show the form of the solder paste in more detail.

Referring to FIG. **12A**, the solder paste **1** may be disposed to completely cover the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153** when viewed from the side surface. In detail, the solder paste **1** may have a height corresponding to



about 150% to about 180% of a height of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**. When the solder paste **1** has the height in the above range, the lead frame unit **100** and the external frame **300** may be stably connected to each other while preventing unintended electrical connection (e.g., short circuit) from occurring.

Referring to FIG. **12B**, the solder paste **1** may be disposed to fill the first solder hole **151**. In addition, at least a portion of the solder paste **1** may extend to the outside of the lead frame unit **100**. For example, as shown in FIG. **12B**, a portion of the solder paste **1** may be provided in the form of gentle parabola outside the lead frame unit **100**.

In detail, the solder paste **1** may be disposed in the first solder hole **151** or in a first area **1a** between the second conductive layer and the external frame **300** and a second area **1b** outside the first solder hole **151**. In this case, the second area **1b** in which the solder paste **1** is provided may include at least a portion of the second conductive layer, and thus, the solder paste **1** provided in the second area **1b** may cover at least the portion of the second conductive layer.

When the solder paste **1** is disposed as described above, a horizontal or vertical movement of the external frame **300** may be limited. In addition, the electrical connection between the second conductive layer and the external frame **300** by the solder paste may be further strengthened.

As described above, the electrical and mechanical stability may be improved by providing more solder paste **1** than the capacity of the first, second, and third solder holes **151**, **152**, and **153**.

The first electrode **310** may be embedded in the external frame **300**. Accordingly, although the first electrode **310** is provided, the external frame **300** and the backlight unit including the external frame **300** may maintain slim thickness.

FIG. **13** is a perspective view of a light emitting diode module according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **13**, the solder insulating layer **160** is disposed on the second surface of the body portion **110** of the lead frame unit **100** and protrudes toward the external frame **300**.

The solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed between the first, second, and third lower electrodes of the body portion **110**. In addition, the solder insulating layer **160** disposed between the first, second, and third lower electrodes may have a first width **D1**.

The protruding portion of the solder insulating layer **160** may make contact with the external frame **300**. In particular, when the lead frame unit **100** and the external frame **300** are attached to each other by the solder paste **1**, the protruding portion of the solder insulating layer **160** may be disposed between the solder pastes **1**. The solder insulating layer **160** disposed between the solder pastes **1** may prevent the lead frame unit **100** and the external frame **300** from moving in a horizontal direction, e.g., a direction substantially perpendicular to a direction in which the lead frame unit **100** and the external frame **300** are attached to each other.

According to an exemplary embodiment, a concave portion **360** may be disposed on the external frame **300**. The concave portion **360** may be disposed between the first electrode **310** and the second electrode **320** and between the second electrode **320** and the third electrode **330**. The concave portion **360** may have a shape corresponding to the protruding portion of the solder insulating layer **160**. In this manner, when the lead frame unit **100** is coupled to the external frame **300**, at least a portion of the protruding portion of the solder insulating layer **160** may be inserted into the concave portion **360**.

When the concave portion **360** is provided, the concave portion **360** may have a second width **D2**, which may be substantially equal to the first width **D1** of the solder insulating layer **160**. In this case, the protruding portion of the solder insulating layer **160**, which is inserted into the concave portion **360**, may be prevented from moving to the left and right, and the lateral external force applied to the solder paste **1** may be reduced.

As the solder insulating layer **160** and the external frame **300** are provided in the above-mentioned structure, the structural stability of the light emitting diode may be improved.

FIG. **14** is a cross-sectional view of a display device to which a light emitting diode module is applied according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **14**, a display device **1000** includes a liquid crystal panel **1110**, a backlight unit **1120**, a support main **1130**, a cover bottom **1150**, and a top cover **1140**.

The liquid crystal panel **1110** may be a main component to display an image, and includes first and second substrates **1112** and **1114** coupled to each other with a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween. The backlight unit is disposed at a rear side of the liquid crystal panel **1110**.

The backlight unit **1120** includes a light emitting diode module **1160** arranged along a longitudinal direction of at least one edge of the support main **1130**, a reflective plate **1125** having a white or silver color, for example, and disposed on the cover bottom **1150**, a light guide plate **1123** disposed on the reflective plate **1125**, and a plurality of optical sheets **1121** disposed above the light guide plate **1123**.

The light emitting diode module may include the light emitting diode described with reference to FIGS. **1** to **12B**, and may be implemented as the side-type light emitting diode module.

Accordingly, the light emitting diode module of the backlight unit **1120** may effectively dissipate heat, and thus, the display device **1000** of FIG. **14** may have a small temperature rise width even when used for a long time, and may stably display an image without a luminance change.

FIGS. **15A** to **15D** are plan views showing an upper surface of a mother substrate **MS** according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **15A**, the mother substrate **MS** includes a plurality of substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**, and an alignment mark **111**.

The substrate included in the light emitting diode may be manufactured by dicing the mother substrate **MS**. As such, the mother substrate **MS** is provided with the substrate patterns **110a**, **110b** and **110c** that may become substrates after the dicing process.

According to the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the mother substrate **MS** may include first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**. However, the inventive concepts are not limited thereto, and in some exemplary embodiments, the mother substrate **MS** may include more number of substrate patterns or less number of substrate patterns than the first to third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**.

For example, the first substrate pattern **110a** has the same edge as the substrate on the mother substrate **MS**. The edge may not perform any electrical function when the substrate is manufactured, and the edge is used to distinguish substrates different from each other during the dicing and patterning processes.

As the first substrate pattern **110a** includes the edge, more substrates may be substantially simultaneously manufac-



ured. In detail, according to a conventional process, since each substrate is manufactured using a mold, there is a spatial limitation in manufacturing large number of substrates at the same time. However, according to the exemplary embodiments, the substrates may be manufactured by forming the substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**, which are distinguished from each other by the edge, on one mother substrate MS and dicing between the substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**. Accordingly, multiple substrates may be substantially simultaneously manufactured as long as there is a space to perform the dicing process. Therefore, the illustrated processes according to the exemplary embodiments may manufacture a greater number of substrates substantially simultaneously as compared with the conventional processes.

The first substrate pattern **110a** may include a first upper electrode pattern **121a**, a second upper electrode pattern **122a**, a third upper electrode pattern **123a**, and a fourth upper electrode pattern **124a**. The first upper electrode pattern **121a**, the second upper electrode pattern **122a**, the third upper electrode pattern **123a**, and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a** may be formed by forming a conductive layer on the mother substrate MS and patterning the conductive layer.

Among them, the first upper electrode pattern **121a** will be described as a representative example. The first upper electrode pattern **121a** may include a circular portion and an elongated portion. The circular portion may have a circular shape and may be provided integrally with the elongated portion at one side of the elongated portion.

Since the first upper electrode pattern **121a** includes the circular portion and the elongated portion, the first upper electrode pattern **121a** may not stick out from the first substrate pattern **110a**. In detail, when the conductive layer provided on the mother substrate MS is patterned to form the first upper electrode pattern **121a**, the first upper electrode pattern **121a** may be inclined due to process errors. When the first upper electrode pattern **121a** has a substantially rectangular shape with a corner at its end, the corner may protrude to the outside of the first substrate pattern **110a** even though the first upper electrode pattern **121a** is slightly inclined. When a portion of the first upper electrode pattern **121a** protrudes to the outside of the first substrate pattern **110a**, the first upper electrode may be exposed to a side surface of a first substrate after the dicing process, and thus, unintended short-circuit may occur via the first upper electrode.

According to an exemplary embodiment, since the circular portion having the circular shape is provided at the end of the first upper electrode pattern **121a**, the probability that the end of the first upper electrode pattern **121a** is exposed to the outside of the first substrate pattern **110a** is lowered even though the first upper electrode pattern **121a** is inclined. Therefore, the probability that the unintended short-circuit occurs via the first upper electrode formed by the dicing process may be lowered.

Meanwhile, in the above description, the first upper electrode pattern **121a** has been described as a representative example among the first upper electrode pattern **121a**, the second upper electrode pattern **122a**, the third upper electrode pattern **123a**, and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a**. However, the structures and functions of the first upper electrode pattern **121a** may be applied equally to the second upper electrode pattern **122a**, the third upper electrode pattern **123a**, and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a**.

The alignment mark **111** is disposed between the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**. The alignment mark **111** allows the mother substrate MS to be accurately aligned in the dicing process. As used herein, the term "accurately aligned" refers that the mother substrate MS is located such that the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c** remain intact without being cut off by the dicing process.

The alignment mark **111** may be formed with the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c** through the same process. For example, a conductive layer is formed on the mother substrate MS and patterned to remain the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c** and the alignment mark **111**.

The alignment mark **111** may have a width smaller than a width between the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**. Thus, although the alignment mark **111** is inclined in the patterning process of the alignment mark **111**, the inclined alignment mark **111** is not connected to the first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a**, **110b**, and **110c**.

In addition, the width of the alignment mark **111** may be smaller than a width of a blade used in the dicing process. Therefore, the alignment mark **111** may be removed in the process of dicing the mother substrate MS along the alignment mark **111**. When the alignment mark **111** is not removed in the dicing process, the remaining alignment mark **111** may be exposed at the side surface of the substrate. In particular, since the alignment mark **111** may have a conductivity as the first upper electrode pattern **121a**, the exposed alignment mark **111** may cause short-circuit. Accordingly, the alignment mark **111** according to an exemplary embodiment has the width smaller than the width of the dicing blade, and thus, the alignment mark **111** is prevented from remaining on the substrate, thereby preventing the unintended short-circuit from occurring.

Referring to FIG. 15B, a second upper electrode pattern **122a'** and a third upper electrode pattern **123a'** have a different shape from a first upper electrode pattern **121a'** and a fourth upper electrode pattern **124a'**, respectively. The shape of the mask used in the patterning process may be changed to change the shape of the second upper electrode pattern **122a'** and the third upper electrode pattern **123a'** to be different from the shape of the first upper electrode pattern **121a'** and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a'**.

As the shape of the second upper electrode pattern **122a'** and the third upper electrode pattern **123a'** is different from the shape of the first upper electrode pattern **121a'** and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a'**, respectively, the cathode and the anode may be easily distinguished from each other after the dicing process. Accordingly, when mounting the light emitting diode chip on the lead frame unit, the pad portion of the light emitting diode chip and the electrode of the lead frame unit may be prevented from being matched incorrectly.

In some exemplary embodiments, the second substrate pattern **110b'** may be rotated by about 180 degrees when the dicing process is performed and the light emitting diode is mounted.

Referring to FIG. 15C, a mother substrate MS" includes a first alignment mark **111"** and a second alignment mark **112"**.

The second alignment mark **112"** may be disposed between a first anode mark **122a"** and a second anode mark **123a"**. The second alignment marks **112"** is used together with the first alignment mark **111"** to align the mother



substrate MS" such that first, second, and third substrate patterns **110a"**, **110b"**, **110c"** are not damaged in the dicing process.

The second alignment mark **112"** may be formed together with a first cathode pattern **121a"** through the same process when the first cathode pattern **121a"** is formed. Accordingly, the second alignment mark **112"** may have conductivity. As such, the second alignment mark **112"** may be formed so as not to cross the first substrate pattern **110a"** or not to meet the first anode pattern **122a"** or the second anode pattern **123a"**. The shape of the second alignment mark **112"** is not particularly limited, and thus, in some exemplary embodiments, the second alignment mark **112"** having various shapes other than a cross shape may be manufactured.

Referring to FIG. **15D**, each of a first upper electrode pattern **121a"**, a second upper electrode pattern **122a"**, a third upper electrode pattern **123a"**, and a fourth upper electrode pattern **124a"** has a substantially rectangular shape having one rounded end. When the first upper electrode pattern **121a"**, the second upper electrode pattern **122a"**, the third upper electrode pattern **123a"**, and the fourth upper electrode pattern **124a"** have the substantially rectangular shape with one rounded end, the ease in operation of digging the via hole may be secured, and the first to fourth upper electrode patterns **121a"** to **124a"** may be prevented from being exposed to the outside of the substrate.

FIGS. **16A** and **16B** are plan views of an upper surface of a mother substrate according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. **16A** and **16B**, a first substrate pattern **110a"** includes a cathode pattern **123a"** and an anode pattern **124a"**. Since the first substrate pattern **110a"** includes one cathode pattern **123a"** and one anode pattern **124a"**, a plurality of substrate patterns **110a"**, **110b"**, and **110c"** may be arranged in a matrix form.

In addition, a first alignment mark **111"** and a second alignment mark **112"** may be disposed between the substrate patterns **110a"**, **110b"**, and **110c"**. The first alignment mark **111"** may be arranged in a column direction of the substrate patterns **110a"**, **110b"**, and **110c"**, and the second alignment mark **112"** may be arranged in a row direction of the substrate patterns **110a"**, **110b"**, and **110c"**.

As shown in FIG. **16B**, the cathode pattern **123a"** and the anode pattern **124a"** may have different shapes from each other. As the cathode pattern **123a"** and the anode pattern **124a"** have different shapes from each other, the light emitting diode chip may be easily mounted.

FIG. **17** is a plan view of a lower surface of a body portion according to an exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. **17**, a first body portion **110\_1** and a second body portion **110\_2** are disposed to be substantially symmetrical with each other with respect to a horizontal direction. A first body portion through hole **151\_1** and a second body portion through hole **151\_2** may be substantially simultaneously formed through the first body portion **110\_1** and the second body portion **110\_2**, respectively.

Since the first body portion through hole **151\_1** and the second body portion through hole **151\_2** are substantially simultaneously formed through the first body portion **110\_1** and the second body portion **110\_2**, respectively, the process efficiency may be improved.

According to exemplary embodiments, a thinner light emitting diode and a thinner light emitting diode module may be provided, with a higher degree of integration.

In addition, according to the exemplary embodiments, the occurrence of short-circuit occurs in the light emitting diode and light emitting diode module may be substantially pre-

vented or suppressed, and heat resistance of the light emitting diode and the light emitting diode module may be improved.

Although certain exemplary embodiments and implementations have been described herein, other embodiments and modifications will be apparent from this description. Accordingly, the inventive concepts are not limited to such embodiments, but rather to the broader scope of the appended claims and various obvious modifications and equivalent arrangements as would be apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

What is claimed is:

**1.** A light emitting diode comprising:

a lead frame unit; and

a light source unit disposed on the lead frame unit, the lead frame unit comprising:

a body portion having a first surface contacting the light source unit and a second surface opposite to the first surface, the body portion including at least one solder hole recessed from the second surface of the body portion;

a first conductive layer disposed on the first surface of the body portion;

a second conductive layer disposed on the second surface of the body portion; and

a connection portion disposed on a through hole defined through the body portion between the first conductive layer and the second conductive layer, the connection portion comprising:

a connection portion conductive layer disposed on a surface of the through hole;

a plug disposed on the connection portion conductive layer and filling the through hole; and

a cover plate disposed on the through hole to cover the through hole.

**2.** The light emitting diode of claim **1**, wherein the cover plate has a same shape as the connection portion conductive layer on the first surface and the second surface of the body portion.

**3.** The light emitting diode of claim **1**, further comprising a solder insulating layer disposed on the second surface, wherein the solder insulating layer covers at least a portion of the second conductive layer disposed between the solder holes.

**4.** The light emitting diode of claim **1**, wherein the solder hole and the connection portion are spaced apart from each other by at least about 50  $\mu\text{m}$  when viewed from the second surface.

**5.** The light emitting diode of claim **1**, wherein:

the light source unit comprises a first light emitting diode chip and a second light emitting diode chip;

the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip are spaced apart from each other by a first interval when viewed from a top of the light source unit;

at least one of the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip is spaced apart from an edge of the light source unit by a light emitting diode chip margin when viewed from a top of the light source unit; and

the first interval is greater than the light emitting diode chip margin.

**6.** The light emitting diode of claim **5**, wherein:

the light source unit has a substantially rectangular shape with long sides and short sides when viewed in a top view;



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the first light emitting diode chip and one short side of the light source unit adjacent to the first light emitting diode chip are spaced apart from each other by a second interval;

the second light emitting diode chip and the other short side of the light source unit adjacent to the second light emitting diode chip are spaced apart from each other by a third interval; and

the first interval is greater than the second interval and the third interval.

7. The light emitting diode of claim 1, wherein the first conductive layer includes a circular portion having a substantially circular shape and an elongated portion provided integrally with the circular portion and elongating in one direction from the circular portion.

8. The light emitting diode of claim 7, wherein the connection portion overlaps with at least a portion of the circular portion in a plan view.

9. The light emitting diode of claim 7, wherein the elongated portion has a width less than a diameter of the circular portion.

10. The light emitting diode of claim 1, wherein the lead frame unit has a third surface connecting the first surface and the second surface, and the solder hole is defined over the second surface and the third surface.

11. The light emitting diode of claim 10, wherein the solder hole has a substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape in the second surface of the body portion, and has a substantially pentagonal shape in the third surface, and at least one internal angle defined by the substantially pentagonal shape is in a range from about 120 degrees to about 170 degrees.

12. The light emitting diode of claim 10, wherein the solder hole has a substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape in the second surface of the body portion, and a radius of the substantially semi-circular or substantially semi-elliptical shape is in a range from about 10% to about 50% of a thickness of the body portion.

13. The light emitting diode of claim 1, wherein the light source unit comprises a first light emitting diode chip and a second light emitting diode chip disposed on the lead frame unit to be substantially parallel to each other.

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14. The light emitting diode of claim 13, wherein the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip are configured to emit light having a same wavelength as each other.

15. The light emitting diode of claim 13, wherein the first conductive layer comprises:

a first upper electrode electrically connected to the first light emitting diode chip;

a second upper electrode electrically connected to the first light emitting diode chip;

a third upper electrode electrically connected to the second light emitting diode chip; and

a fourth upper electrode electrically connected to the second light emitting diode chip.

16. The light emitting diode of claim 13, wherein the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip overlap at least a portion of the first conductive layer in a plan view.

17. The light emitting diode of claim 13, further comprising a first wavelength converter and a second wavelength converter, wherein:

the first light emitting diode chip and the second light emitting diode chip are configured to emit light having a same wavelength as each other;

the first wavelength converter is disposed on the first light emitting diode chip to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the first light emitting diode chip to a first wavelength band; and

the second wavelength converter is disposed on the second light emitting diode chip to convert a wavelength of light emitted from the second light emitting diode chip to a second wavelength band different from the first wavelength band.

18. The light emitting diode of claim 17, wherein a light transmission portion is disposed on the first wavelength converter and the second wavelength converter, and the first wavelength converter and the second wavelength converter have a thickness smaller than a thickness of the light transmission portion.

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